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Minister puts blame on his inexperience

DAVID WILLETTS, the Paymaster General and a former government whip, last night blamed his inexperience for leading him into a position in which he had been accused of trying to smother an investigation into the Neil Hamilton cash-for-questions affair.

Denying that he had tried to influence the inquiry he admitted that he had put an "artificial structure" on a conversation he had had with a senior Conservative committee chairman about the

investigation. In a tense appearance be fore a televised hearing of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee Mr Willetts expressed regret if his own leaked account of a conversation with the chairman of the now-defunct Members' Interests Select Committee had "inadvertently led to any confusion or misconception as to what actually

ccurred". The note of the conversation with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith was written in his first full week of work as a whip. He told MPs: "It certainly would have been wrong to try to influence him and I did not seek to influence him or put

He said that "because I something more was required of me as a whip than simply recording what a colleague said" he had tried "to impose an artifical structure on the conversation" by setting out two possible courses of action Sir Geoffrey's committee might take: either setting the investigation aside because of

Drink diagnosis

cost man a job An executive, who says he

drinks one or two glasses of wine a day, is suing a company doctor for reporting to a prospective employer that he had a drink problem. The job

Dr Thomas Stuttaford ad-

vises on how to spot a heavy

drinker just by looking at his

shape. Medical Briefing, page 5

Charity pulls

out of Britain

The charity Save the Children

is abandoning its direct work

with young people in Britain because spending on the Nat-

ional Lottery has caused vol-

concentrate on its overseas

The Times on the Internet

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untary donations to fail. Instead the charity will

fer was withdrawn.



Willetts: regret if he

the sub judice rule or carrying it out as quickly as possible.

However, the handwritten note by Mr Willetts of his conversation suggested that the "good Tory majority" could be exploited in a speedy

inquiry.

The hearing had begun with two hours of questioning by MPs of Sir Geoffrey, in which had bowed to improper pressure. He said that he had neither "sought advice nor did I expect anyone to give me advice". And he even suggested that it was "quite probable" that when he had his conversation with Mr Willetts he might not have been aware that Mr Willetts had been

appointed a whip. But Sir Geoffrey said that if he had said anything signifi-cant he would have expected it to be reported to the whips' office. If he had wanted to report anything himself to the Chief Whip he would not have used a junior whip. He said that it was not his

shorthand note. It was, how-

job to "rubbish" Mr Willetts's

The Labour backbencher John Evans said any "fairminded rational person" who read Mr Willetts's memorandum would conclude that Sir Geoffrey had sought advice from a "high level within the Government" on how his com-mittee should handle the "po-tentially devastating" allega-tions. "Isn't it astonishing that Mr Willetts could have put such a reading onto the con-versation that you had when you seemingly cannot recall how he could possibly arrive at that conclusion?"

Sir Geoffrey replied: "Yes, I think it is astonishing and I think you are quite right."

In a memorandum sent to the privileges committee Mr Willetts gave his version of the conversation he had with Sir Geoffrey. He said: "If my note conveyed an impression of a structured discussion, such an impression would be incorrect it would not properly reflect the true nature of this brief, informal expression of then current concerns on Sir Geoffrey's part.

However, because I assumed mistakenly that something more was required of me as a whip than simply recording what a colleague said, I sought in the latter part of m note to impose an artificial structure on the conversation by setting out two possible options or courses of action which I thought Sir Geoffrey's committee might take."

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Major threatens

to use EU veto

By JILL SHERMAN AND PHILLP BASSETT

The Duchess of York leaving Heathrow yesterday for Chicago

to leave Britain for US

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JOHN MAJOR issued his strongest warning last night that he would block future developments in Europe until other countries agree to his demands to exempt Britain from a 48-hour week.

The Prime Minister made clear in his speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet that he was prepared to use his veto to scupper the inter-governmental conference on Europe. which concludes in June, unless Britain gets its way.

Today the European Court of Justice is expected to reject Britain's legal challenge to the directive ordering a maximum 48-hour week. But Mr Major said that he would not allow Brussels to jeopardise eco-nomic success in Britain. He made clear that if today's judgment goes against Britain, he will seek changes to the Maastricht treaty to ensure that Britain is exempted from

implementing the directive. There is no case for extra prescriptive legislation from Europe on matters that are now best resolved between employer and employee," he said. That is why, if the court rules against us. We will require changes in European law to reinforce Britain's protection. Our partners know that we shall insist upon these changes before we can conclude any new agreements at the inter-governmental conferDowning Street officials made clear that Mr Major was still prepared to discuss "constructively" issues that other countries were pressing for, but he would not accept any changes unless he won his way on the 48-hour week.

The first test of the new blocking tactics will come at the Dublin summit next month when ministers will draw up the draft for Maas-tricht II. But treaty changes will not be concluded until the Amsterdam summit next June, after the last possible date for a general election.

.Mr Major is expected to press his case at Dublin for a treaty change to ensure that the 48-hour week maximum and any future directives on working conditions are dealt with under social policy issues, from which Britain has an opt-out, rather than under health and safety provisions.

Earlier, Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, signalled that European countries might offer a deal on the 48hours directive if Britain agreed to important extensions of European powers. But, he told the CBI annual conference: "It is important to realise that it is not going to be casy to persuade the other 14 countries to amend the treaty.'
Unanimity would be needed.

Peter Riddell, page 10

and shorter on antipathy to her former spouse. Her confirmation of ruhouse in Britain and has an

mours that she would like to live in America no doubt owes much to the steady criticism. she has had at home. "Love it over there," she said of America. "If it comes to a point where it works out that I can

be abroad with my children, then abroad with my children it will be." Asked about her relationship with the Duke of York, the Duchess replied: "He's still there by my side says a lot for him. But I'm there for him,

ABC said the Duchess, who has well-publicised financial difficulties, was not paid. The



tends to be my husband

interview was recorded on a single day recently at her

While discussing her financial problems, the Duchess confesses that she "just went mad, you know, spent too

Miss Sawyer focuses in the interview on rumours about a "suicide watch" said to have been mounted on the Duchess at a low point in her marital troubles. These were "not true at all," the Duchess says.

Asked about the "challenge" of joining the Royal Family, the Duchess replies: "I am sure fothers] would have done a much better job because they would have had their wits about them."

Throughout her difficulties, the Duchess has been offered moral and sometimes material support by the Queen. She fears she had let the Queen down. "I think so, I feel so . . . I feel perhaps I let the family. down. I'm sure I did."

She does not confirm stories that the crown offered to pay off her debt in exchange for custody of the Princesses, but claims that when those rumours were reported. Princess Beatrice asked: "Mummy, does that mean that you're going to get rid of us".

To this she replied: The end of the world's got to happen before I ... anybody touches you ... we're a team."

Jury insists on silence in court as country stops to honour dead

BY DANIEL MCGRORY AND FRANCES GIBB

A FURY insisted on observing Armistice Day by holding two minutes silence in court yesterday after a judge ques-tioned whether it was right to interrupt a barrister summing up in a child rape trial.

The jurors joined an esti-mated 38 million Britons in remembering the country's war dead — far more than the Royal British Legion , had

expected.

Most schools joined the campaign to commemmorate the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — when the guns of the First World War fell silent. But the most dramatic pause came at Heathrow Airport where planes turned off their

Typical of the desire to mark the occasion was the jury at Croydon Crown Court. There Judge Tilling asked both soun-sel and the jury whether they wanted to interrupt the closing desease speech. Both the jury and the barrister sent back a message saying: "We want the silence." In a statement later the judge made it clear he had not been against the observance and had only been seeking the views of those involved in the trial.

BBCI and Radio Two oberved the silence, but the rest of the BBC's national radio networks and BBC2 did not. A BBC spokesman said: "We do recognise the call for the two minute silence on November II. but as a national broadcaster we decided not to impose a ilence on all our viewers.

Supermarkets which announced the silence included Asda, Kwik-Save, Morrisoin's, Sainsbury's and Tesco. Barclays, Lloyds and NatWest and TSB banks also asked customers to observe the silence. Among the major shop

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chains who observed it were Body Shop, Courts, Curry's, Etam, Great Mills, Little-woods, MFL Marks & Spencer. Next, PC World, Sears

Group and The Link. Many firms asked staff to observe the silence including BAT Industries, British Steel, Bulmer HP, Glaxo Wellcome, Guinness, ICI, National Power, Pilkington, PowerGen and Tarmac. But the World Travel Market exhibition at Earls Court did not stop pro-

ceedings. In Liverpool, where life in the city centre continued much as normal, Gerry Scott, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said that in future years the bells of the two cathedrals should be rung as a reminder and fisgs on all public build-ings lowered to half mast.

The Warwickshire town of Bedworth, which claims it is the only British town to have marked Armistice Day for each of the past 50 years, arranged for thousands of poppies to be dropped from a Dakota aircraft.



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Contrite Duchess wants

THE Duchess of York would move to the United States 'like a shot" with her children, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, she has said in a television interview. She also admits considerable personal failings in her marriage to Prince

with the Royal Family. In an unusually candidinterview on American television — to be broadcast in the United States tomorrow night - the Duchess says she has been "a headless chicken for ten years" and that she "hung my own self with my rope

Andrew and in her dealings

during her marriage. She not only blames herself but also criticises "the system, the firm, the grey men, the institution of the Royal Family and court for her public downfall. She presents herself as a troubled, witless woman in search of "answers" and unable to control her extravagance of soul and pocket.

The interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer is the Duch-ess's first in-depth television discussion about the scandals that have befallen her since her 1986 wedding to the Oueen's second son. Edited scripts were given out yesterday. They suggested that while the broadcast will evoke the Prince and Princess of Wales's controversial disclosures to the BBC, the Duchess's interview is longer on self-blame than those efforts,

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Crumpled Heseltine is eclipsed by a returning star from the east '

ities from recent history, the CBI in Harrogate vesterday offered us Michael Heseltine, Leon Brittan, Chris

Patten and Gordon Brown. Mr Heseltine was first. Even his hair went flat. On the rostrum after breakfast, Heseltine and his keynote speech met as though for the first time. Introduced to his text, he was unimpressed. He became bored with it conout with it as one might with a stuck to it, stumbling irritably through to the end.

For a political sketch writer, a CBI gathering — almost entirely middle-aged, male and suited - is a culture shock. They sit in expressionless rows, these nabobs of industry. When they speak it is as though accustomed to command attention, not earn it. Their speeches, shrouded in cliché, never climax, rather they peter out. in place of the modern, flag-

bedecked party conference

were enclosed in bare ash frames of repro-classical design, such as might frame a desk top portrait of a company chairman's daughter, or cat. It was within these frames that the careworn features of a giant Deputy Prime Minister appeared to businessmen. Any connection with the crumpled figure standing at the micro-

by a severe rostrum above

which two large video screens

phone seemed accidental. The speech was empty, benchmarking the world's volume, tossing his head and



best" - a fine theme as few had any idea what it meant or any inclination to find out. Another recurring word was 'staggering", as in "the effect has been staggering". Hezza looked more jiggered than staggered. Unable to stagger himself, let alone us, he repeated the word at increased

causing a tranche of his forelock to break away from the main body and slip over the right ear - but to no other

"Change is never easy," he droned. "We must look forward to the 21st century." He must have written these lines himself: any speechwriter guilty of them would be sum-

looked so much more hale and cheery. Exiled (respectively) to Brussels and Hong Kong, these former Tory ministers have left serving Tory minis-ters to languish here like pictures of Dorian Gray in some damp anic, doing their ageing for them.

Commissioner Brittan offered a fluent and optimistic case for currency union, while Governor Patten showed a political class we had almost

marily sacked. What a con-trast with Sir Leon Brittan and Christopher Patten. They impassioned defence of free trade and a withering side-swipe at Sir James Goldsmith. He even got the CBI to laugh. Invited as warm up act for Gordon Brown, Patten proved to be the star of the day.

But Mr Brown was good. There was limited interest in. the Shadow Chancellor's speech because - a queer but now common form of disrespect — the gist of it had been released to the press over the weekend; and it was a pity he

Turner no longer presents the lottery draw. But I found him

convincing. I shall always find Brown convincing now I have seen his mother. Photographs and interviews with her in last

week's papers suggested such a nice, bright-eyed, honest sounding and spirited woman that, long after the question of her business experience is forgotten, one would take a lot of persuading that Mrs Brown could have a son who was not

Clarke 'as keen as Germans' to keep tight fiscal control

claimed himself yesterday to be "as keen as the Germans" on enforcing tough fiscal disci-pline and ridiculed claims that Britain was about to yield sovereignty over its budgets to

the European Union.
The Chancellor acknowledged, however, that Britain would be "pooling its sovereignty" with other EU states if it chose to enter the European Monetary Union. "The whole purpose of EMU envisages some pooling of sovereignty because monetary policy will come under the control of the European Central Bank," he

Mr Clarke, taking his usual positive approach to the future euro, was on the defensive over charges from Tory Euro-sceptics that British support for a "stability pact" to ensure fiscal virtue among EMU members amounted a further renunciation of national sovereignty to Brussels. Under the pact now emerging, states that borrow too heavily will face heavy near-automatic sanctions, extending to repeatable fines of 0.5 per cent of the

state's gross domestic product. Emphasising one of his standard themes, Mr Clarke said Britain, whether inside or outside EMU, backed the principle of the pact as a means of ensuring fiscal virtue and lower interest rates across Europe. Britain agreed with the principle behind the pact when it signed the Maastricht treaty, he noted.

finance ministers at a Brussels meeting yesterday in opposing German demands for a pre-cise definition of conditions that would exempt an EMU state from fines. But he insisted: "I am as keen as the Germans to ensure that we do have a stability pact that works." That was vital to "ensure that you don't have interest rates driven up across

Jürgen Stark, the German junior Finance Minister, threatened to hold up agree-ment on the creation of a new European monetary system and other EMU-related measures if the EU failed to give ground on its demand for a tough stability pact. Germany wants states to be let off the hook only if they run into a sharp recession of at least a 2 per cent drop in GDP over a year. Mr Clarke said the Germans were making an unnecessary fuss over "a tiny



Clarke denied Britain would lose sovereignty

footnote point". EU leaders are due to reach final agreement in Dublin next month. Mr Clarke dismissed suggestions that a scheme that

would bind non-EMU states to report its budget plans to Brussels amounted to any transfer of sovereignty. Brit-ain had been making such reports for the past few years, he noted. The proposed "reinforced convergence programme" merely made compulsory what Britain had been doing voluntarily. Any loss of sovereignty was "no more than the pooling of sovereign-ty in the Maastricht treaty", he

Monetary union did imply some transfer of sovereignty, he acknowledged, but not over budget-making. The nation state remains completely in control of the level of taxation and public spending," he said. The pact would merely ensure that Governments did not overspend wildly, at a level far beyond policies followed by the Government. The trigger is far above anything that I would view as desirable for

the UK economy. Ministers said they expect to overcome German objections with a definition of the "temporary and exceptional cir-cumstances" that would win exemption from Maastricht fines. The formula would allow ministers to take political factors into account for states with economic downturns of silence so I can join you in under 3 per cent. Only The detonating a few helpful Netherlands yesterday supported Germany's hard line.



Chris Patten addressing the CBI conference yesterday

Patten drops hints of European role

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, told British business leaders yesterday that he could play a lively part in the debate over Europe after the colony is handed to China next sum-

mer (Arthur Leathley writes). Addressing the CBI conference in Harrogate, the former Tory party chairman, a pro-European, said: "One day you may invite me back after my compulsory period of radio European explosions. Mr Patten, widely expected

to return to British or European politics after the handover, which follows the general el-ection, laughed off specula-tion that he would still like to lead the party. "It is like asking: 'If your backhand was better and you got more first serves in, would you like to play at Wimbledon?

He dismissed suggestions that either Sir Nicholas Scott, in Kensington and Chelsea, or Michael Heseltine, MP for warm for him.

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Long shifts linked to health and happiness

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

PEOPLE who work 12-hour shifts tend to be healthier and happier than those who work eight-hour shifts, according to

researchers. The finding, on the eve of the European Court of Justice's decision on the Government's challenge to a Brussels directive imposing a maxi-mum 48-hour working week, suggests that the sequence and timing of shiftwork are as important as the hours

Professor Simon Folkard, director of the Medical Research Council's body rhythms and shiftwork centre at the University of Wales. who gave evidence to the court on behalf of the Commission, said there was little doubt that working hours and shift patterns damaged health and raised safety wortles.

A comparison of two groups of chemical workers who operated a 12-hour and an eighthour shift system found those on the shorter shifts suffered more heart disease, more dis-ruption to social life, and shorter sleep between working days. The researchers say this was probably because those on the 12-hour shifts had shorter spans of successive workdays and longer spans of rest days. However, those on the eight-hour shift system were more alert when at work.

Anthony Fuller, chairman of London brewers Fuller's, told the CBI conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, that a minimum wage, which is being proposed by Labour, of £4 an hour could add ten

pence to the price of a pint of

Ministers fear revolt on gun compensation

Ministers last night tried to avert a Tory revolt to the Commons today over compensation for gun owners. Whips had been warned to expect a rebellion on a vote at the end of the second reading of the Firearms (Amendments) Bill.

The vote authorises compensation to the owners of the 160,000 guns which must be surrendered under proposals

arising out of the Dunblane massacre. The 1922 Committee of backbench MPs has warned ministers of serious opposition unless the Government agrees to allow arnmunition, accessories, and gun businesses to qualify for compensation. The committee is also demanding that the estimated compensation bill should be increased from £50 million to £500 million.

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Soviet-style' crime Bill

Lord Ackner, a former law lord, strongly criticised the Government for causing tensions with judges by failing to protect their independence. Delivering the John Stuart Mill Institute lecture in London, he said the Crime Bill, which contains the Home Secretary's tougher sentencing proposals, was on a par with the former Soviet Union telling judges

Election neutrality plans

Plans to ensure the neutrality of civil servants in the run-up to the election include their withdrawal from the Government's daily presentation meeting and having the Cabinet committee minutes taken more often by political aides. In the Commons, Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, rejected Labour accusations that he was subverting the impartiality of the Civil Service.

Oxford seeks fresh field

Oxford University is to seek an alternative site for a £40 million business school. The university council agreed yesterday to call for a postal vote following last week's refusal by Congregation, the dons' parliament, to approve the University Club ground as a site. The ballot will be delayed until the New Year, to give time for other

Rethink on BSE study

Government scientists may have been wrong when they decided that cows infected with BSE can pass the disease to unborn calves. Dr Danny Matthews, a veterinary adviser at the Agriculture Ministry, said that the findings announced in August were open to other interpretations, which included the possibility of no maternal transmission at all.

BBC licence campaign

The Government will be arged today to back calls by the BBC for an increase in the licence fee when the pressure group the Voice of the Listener and Viewer launches its Fair Fee For Broadcasting campaign in the Lords. The paper recommends that the fee should rise to safeguard the future

Lawton cap for funeral

One of Tommy Lawton's England caps, sold to repay debts when he fell on hard times, will be returned for his funeral on Wednesday. After a national appeal on Radio 5 Live, a collector from Kent offered to lend the family a cap the centre forward won against Holland in the 1940s for the

that Britain's drive to deregulate

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

Mr Clarke joined 12 other

EUROPEAN officials are confident that Britain is picking a fight which it cannot win if it takes an all-out stand today against an uniavourable court verdict on working hours.

The European Court of Justice is expected to reject a challenge by the Government against the 1993 Working Time Directive, which sets a maximum 48-hour week and minimum rest periods and paid holidays throughout the EU. In increasingly

strident terms. John Major has promised to fight the directive at negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty. The Government argues that the measure was wrongly enacted by majority vote as a health and safety measure, and breaches Britain's exemption from the Social Chapter.

Britain's fight is raising passions because the Continental social model is under heavy pressure from the global market and the imperative of meeting the austere budget conditions for Monetary Union. Privately. politicians and officials acknowledge

economic life has proved its worth, but there is a consensus that Mr Major is picking the wrong battlefield. For a start, Britain's conduct has been erratic. In negotiations that long predated the birth of the Social Chapter, it won exemptions from its partners on the understanding that accepted the directive as inevitable. The view was reinforced when Britain abstained at the Council of Ministers rather than voting against the measure. Thanks to British negotiators, the directive was heavily

diluted. Anyone who wishes will be able to work for more than 48 hours per week. Big sections of the workforce are not covered, including transport staff and hospital doctors. Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs

Commissioner, is to propose ending most of the exemptions if the court finds against Britain. The TUC backs his plans. The Government has hinted that it could revisit its tactics over the the BSE beef ban and refuse to cooperate in discussing other EU reforms until given assurances over the directive. This could mean Britain isolating itself further from its EU partners at the summit in Dublin on December 13. The EU timetable means that British cooperation is not essential

until the final stages of the intergovernmental conference next spring. Other states could wait for a change of government after the April elections. Commission officials pointed out that the inter-governmental conference had no power to strike down existing treaties, unless a new treaty created the right and a further conference was launched.

funeral at Bramcote Crematorium, Nottinghamshire.

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Falling donations force charity to stop British projects

SAVE the Children is abandoning direct work with young people in Britain because of a big drop in

The charity will halt about 70 projects over the next two years. Its only role in Britain will be to research issues involving children and to advise other organisations.

Save the Children's voluntary do-

nations fell by almost a quarter from £41 million in 1994-95 to £32 million in 1995-96. Its total income, including grants, dropped from E92 million to E78 million. Last December, in response to "significant pressure" from the National Lottery and increased competition from other organisations, it announced a £9 million

About half of the savings have been made in the £60 million overseas

programme. The British and overseas departments have been merged with the loss of about 500 jobs. About El million has already been shaved off the £14 million British and Europe budget, which represents 17 per cent of total spending, but there is still £1.5 million to be saved by April 1998.
All of the charity's fundraising is in

Britain although the majority is spent abroad. A spokeswoman for the charity, which is headed by the Princess Royal, said yesterday: "We are unusual because we work both at home and overseas, and have done for many years. We regard the two as equally important." The spokeswoman added that although the overseas budget looked large in comparison to Britain, it covered more than 50

countries. Efforts are being made to find other organisations to take over the community projects. Another possi- form."

bility is that individual schemes mad become registered charities in their

own right.
Judy Lister, regional director, said:
"With such a reduced base, we have had to look very carefully at how we can achieve maximum impact with such a small budget. We can no longer afford to be a service provider. but we are looking at ways of keeping those services going in another

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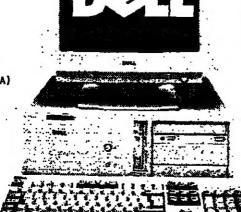
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By JONATHAN PRYNN RANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

Neighbour admits manslaughter of 18-year-old whose body was found outside airbase

Student's woman friend 'killed her for sexual buzz'

A YOUNG woman was stabbed to death in a country lane by a female friend who had a sexual interest in women, a

court was told yesterday. The body of Rachael Lean was found with her buttocks exposed in September last year in undergrowth near her. home at Buxton, Norfolk, Her killer, Maria Hnatiuk, 29, was said to have had a particular interest in women's buttocks.

Hnatiuk, whose family live in Bristol but who had been living next door to Miss Lean shortly before the killing, has admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility, but denies murder. The prosecution refuses to accept her plea and maintains

that she is guilty of murder. Miss Lean lived with her father, Peter, an RAF techni-cian, near RAF Coltishall and was a popular outgoing woman on the threshold of a university career. She met Hnatiuk while training at the airbase gym, Norwich Crown Court was told.

On September 5 Miss Lean went to the gym before returning home, where she wrote a letter saying that she was going out to meet a friend. The prosecution says that friend

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

were allegedly seen by several witnesses as they took the track "apparently leading no-where" by the side of the RAF camp. Hnatiuk was later seen squatting in a telephone box at the nearby village of Lamas. apparently distressed and red in the face. Miss Lean was left dying.

from multiple wounds near the base's perimeter fence. When her body was found, concealed in undergrowth five days after she disappeared last September, her leggings had been pulled down.

Hnatiuk may have had a sexual motive for the killing. the jury was told. David Stokes, QC. for the prosecu-tion, said: "She is a clever, calculating liar. However abnormal her personality, or odd, or however sexually perverted, her responsibility for this crime was not substantial-

"She used her own initiative to obtain a sexual buzz from a variety of activities. There is was interested in sexual activities with other women, but the pulling down of the leggings may indicate this defendant may have had some sort of sexual motive for killing. Rachael." He added: "The

evidence shows a wicked, calculating woman who killed a woman not only younger than her but on the threshold of her life [and] who trusted her."

Miss Lean was waiting to take up a place at Southamp-ton University in the month she was killed.

Her killer, who, like her, enjoyed keeping fit, lived with her boykriend, lan Wells. The court was told that the couple had a stormy relationship with frequent noisy rows, which ended with Hnatiuk walking out of their house in

She was devoted to him and appeared heavily under his influence, while he exhibited possessiveness and jealousy towards her former boy-friends. Mr Stokes said: "There was a time when he was keen for her to bring back other women for sexual activities. She had sexual feelings towards other women and was not averse to that."

The jury of six men and six women was told that they would be shown draft letters of an explicit nature written by Hnatiuk, some of which had been recovered by police from a pond into which she had thrown them, as well as jottings which indicated "a



Rachael Lean, who was about to go to university, and her killer, Maria Hnatjuk. She denies murder

considerable interest in women's buttocks".

She and her partner also drew up bizarre so-called contracts" in which the defendant promised never to speak to other men. They are as pathetic as they are ridiculous, but they demonstrate a complex relationship," Mr Stokes said. "People thought them a

very odd couple." After their relationship end-

rary bed and breakfast accommodation next door to Miss Lean and, by this time, the two women had formed a friendship. Shortly before the killing, she was living rough after being shunned by Mr Wells's

Mr Stokes said Hnatiuk had gone to stay with her mother in Bristol the day after Miss Lean disappeared. He

denied the killing and told police that she had cut her hands in a fall.

Miss Lean was supposed to meet her mother that evening and the alert was raised after she failed to appear. After her body was found forensic scientists concluded she had suffered "a frenzied knife attack involving stab wounds to both the front and back of her body and both arms".

accomplished liar, Hnatiuk had falsely accused a well known disc jockey of raping her in a hotel in Japan and launched civil proceedings. On another occasion she had wrongfully accused two airmen from RAF Coltishall of indecently assaulting her and in April 1995 started a fire at a

former boyfriend's house by

pouring petrol through the

door at night.
The trial continues.

in the hull of a capsized tug off the East Anglia coast could be rescued alive were fading last night after the boat sank during attempts to right it. Rescuers had been fighting since carly afternoon to save the seaman after knocking was heard inside the Rotterdam-registered vessel, the Beaver. The 190-tonne tug had been working on improve-Great Yarmouth on behalf of Anglia Water when it capsized with two crew members on board. Coastguards put out a mayday message to all ship-ping in the area and a Royal Navy minesweeper, the HMS Dulverton, answered the call.

> diving crew. The divers, who were flown out by helicopter from Wattisham in Suffolk, were unable to open hatches and enter the the boat to rescue the sailor because of the pressure of the water against the upside down deck. Attempts to free the man by cutting into the hull with acetylene torches had to be abandoned because of the risk of explosion.

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A later plan to right the boat using a heavy marine crane from a dredger moored alongside proved unsuccessful and the tug sank in about 15 metres

The Dutch sailor had been unable to escape from the boat as it turned over but was thought to have been kept alive in an air pocket in an accommodation cabin. But the tapping from the hull stopped after about two hours, raising fears that the man may have lost consciousness or died.

The other man on board the Beaver jumped to safety and He was treated for cold and shock. A Dutch salvage team was attempting to raise the tug from the sea bed last night.

In the mid Atlantic, a florilla of rescue boats was last nich: on its way to the aid of a British sailor, Michael Dunkerly, and his French crewman after their yacht floundered in heavy seas and

Cinema owner 'dressed to terrify and murdered for fun'

By Joanna Bale

A CINEMA owner accused of mur-. dering four men with a combat knife was a violent and predatory sadist who dressed in black to terrify his victims, a court was told yesterday.

Peter Moore, 50, was the man in hlack — with black clothes, black thoughts and the blackest of deeds". Alex Carlile, QC, for the prosecution, said. Moore, of Kimmel Blay. Aberconwy and Colwys, is charged with murdering Tody Davis. 40. Keth Randles. 49. Henry Roberts. 56. and Edward Carliny, 28, in four separatic attacks last white.

Crown Court, Flintshire, that by day, Moore gave the impression of being an unremarkable businessman with a chain of cinemas in North Wales called the Focus Group. But by night he became a sadist who killed for

Moore was a homosexual who mother in May 1994. The men he induser in May 1994. The men he killed were complete strangers, none of whom had done anything to annoy or appravate him. Mr Carille said:

"As he told the police himself, this delendant can only be described as a violent and inclusory sadist." Mr Carille said Moore killed his first

from a gun shop in Rhyl for £25. He used it to stab a retired railwayman, Mr Roberts, who lived on his own near Caergeiliog, Anglesey, on Moore's route home from his cinema in Holyhead, which he would visit

late at night once or twice a week. Mr Roberts's body was found lying face down outside his house, his trousers round his ankles and a stab wound to each buttock. There were 14 further stab wounds to the front and 13 to the back of the body.

Mr Carlile said that by an "extraor-

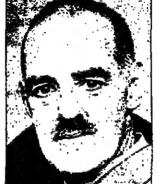
dinary coincidence" Mr Roberts shared Moore's interest in Nazi paraphemalia and had a swastika Moore's home. The knife was found in a van Moore had hired. Mr Carlile claimed Moore made a

detailed confession and referred to other killings and attacks dating back to the 1970s, while he was in Llandudno police station in December last year. Mr Carlile said: "Then came these terrifying words - 'I don't feel any remorse whatsoever for what I've done'." Moore was said to have added that the killing "relieved pressure on him".

Moore's second victim. Mr Randles, was found by construction workers at Mona, Anglesey, lying dead on his back. He had been

site, where he was in charge of security. Mr Carlile said it appeared that Mr Randles had fought for his life, but died of repeated stab wounds. A watch, a video cassette recorder and a mobile telephone were stolen, and later found in

Moore's possession, he said. Mr Carlile said Moore told police he saw yellow flashes in his eyes when he was about to kill someone or was killing somebody. "But there is no evidence at all of a psychiatric nature in this case." he said. "There is no question of insanity. There is no question of diminished responsi-



College head helps to run pub while on sick leave

By David Charter, Education correspondent

THE head of one of England's largest colleges, who has been absent for six weeks suffering a stress-related illness, has been helping a female colleague to run a pub in Wales.

Neil Preston, chief executive, of the 21,000-student Stoke on Trent College, and Helen Chandler, an assistant director, have been on sick leave since September 25 and 24 respectively.

A college spokeswoman said that Mr Preston, 46, whose salary package is worth 190,000 a year, and Mrs Chandler were receiving full pay, having submitted further sick notes yesterday from doctors who diagnosed stress-related illness. But The Times has learnt that they have been working at the Dymock Arms in Penkey. Clwyd.

Wrexham Maelor and Berwyn Magistrates' Coort grant-ed Mrs Chandler a temporary ficence to run the pub on November, She and Mr Preston began renovating the large oak-beamed pub after facir arrival about timee

DS REO. Mr Presion's three years at Stoke, the eighth-largest forther education college, have been dogged by controversy. He and Mrs Chandler are under investigation by a special governors' committee after a series of staff complaints Natifie, the lecturers'

union, published a survey of 125 members in July claiming that Mr Preston's management style was "dictatorial and bullying". College man-agement dismissed the survey as "hardly representative" of Stoke's 1,500 staff.

The Natibe survey was followed by one of 203 Unison staff, which found that 97 per cent lacked confidence in the management and 64 per cent said that they had suffered harassment or bullying. News of Mrs Chandler's

alternative employment comes at a time of financial difficulty for the college. It has been seeking urgent voluntary redundancies after receiving £3.4 million less than request-ed from the Further Education Funding Council for its annual budget.

Mr Preston was formerly



Preston: on sick leave since September 25

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principal at Amersham & Wycombe College, Bucking-

WOMAN student stalked

as assistant director in charge of marketing in June 1994. There was no sign of Mr Preston or Mrs Chandler at the pub yesterday. Mrs Chan-dler works behind the bar on Saturday and Sunday evenings, and has boasted to customers that in 12 weeks she had trebled the turnover.

Caroline Highland, spokeswoman for Stoke college, said that they were still full-time employees. "We have received further sick notes for Neil Preston and Helen Chandler covering a

hamshire, where Mrs Chan-

dler was his deputy. He was

criticised when he left

Amersham & Wycombe in

1993 for appointing Mrs

Chandler as acting principal

in his place, without properly

consulting the governors. She

joined Stoke on Trent college

period of two months." Neil Preston, 46, is separated from his wife, Christine, with whom he has four children. He studied hotel and catering management at Surrey Liniversity and ran a hotel from 1978 to 1981. He was appointed head of food and service industries at the College of Arts and Technology at Newcastle upon Tyne before becoming vice-princi-pal at Lowestoft College, Suf-folk, from where he moved to principal at Amersham & Wycombe College in 1988.

made life a misery By RICHARD DUCE

her university lecturer for 18 months after falsely accusing him of sexual harassment, the High Court was told yesterday. Life became a misery for Dr Robert Fine, a senior lecturer in sociology at Warwick University.

Ashley Underwood, for Dr occasions Eileen McLardy and peered at him through the windows. His car was either damaged or stolen five times during what a "vendenta" that also involved break-ins at his

Dr Fine, 50, is seeking an injunction preventing Mrs McLardy, a mature student, from molesting or harassing him at work, or going within 30 yards of his home. He is also seeking damages against her. Documents placed before the court claim that on 134 separate occasions Mrs McLardy, 50, a mother of three from Coventry, carried out a vendetta against Dr

Dr Fine told the court he had had words with Mrs McLardy after she insulted a student. "The following week she asked to come to my room and there she accused me of sexually harassing her." She

Lecturer says student

Fine, said that on scores of stood silently outside his home home and his university office.

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Ex-owner 'harassed' house buyers

BY JOANNE BUE

A MAN whose cuttage was repossessed launched a frightening campaign against the couple who bought it a court was told yesterday. The new owners, a whisky encutive and his wife, were forced to move house twice in two years to try to excape the attention of Stephen McDougall, who said they owed him £35,000, it was claimed at Dombarton

Kevin and Samarsha Ayre, both 35, said that they ultimately had to leave Scotland for the South of England, and Sheriff Court. Mr Ayre had to quit as manpower services director for Allied Distillers in Strathelyde Mr McDoegall, 42 of

Bearsden, Glasgow, denies causing a breach of the peace and placing the couple in fear for their safety. He was said to have harassed them, made inquiries into the private affairs of Mr Ayre, pretended to Mrs Ayre that he was a tax inspector and questioned her about financial affairs, and attempted to induce a postman to supply details of their home. He also allegedly hired a private detective to spy on them.

The court was sold that Mr McDougall was disgruntled after failing to sell his cottage in Milngavie, near Glasgow, for £130,000. It was sold for £90,000 after it

was repossessed by a bank. lames Cusick, a Milngavie postman, said Mr McDongall approached him in

the car park of the village sorting office at 5.25am: "He asked me if I knew who lived at the house. He said, 'There's a fiver in it for you.' I didn't tell him." A former neighbour, Linda Connolly. 41. a social worker, said that Mr

McDougall called one Saturday morning asking the couple's whereabouts The man said he was a headhunter and wanted to offer Kevin a job. I didn't tell him anything. I found the whole thing

The boss of a private investigation firm, Sydney Miller. 57, said: "He wanted us to find out the ownership of certain properties and other details about a Mr

The case continues.

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Albie Fox, Chairman, the Sportsman's Association

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This is an issue which should be of concern to everyone. It is not just the question of job losses, mass confiscation of private property or the destruction of a traditional sport. It is about how we should make law in a modern democracy.

Why has Lord Cullen's report been torn up?

Mike Yardley, Mational Spokesman, the Sportsman's Association

The Firearms (Amendment)

Today our members of Parliament will debate this bill. It is unlikely to affect conventional armed crime or prevent another Dunblane tragedy, but it will:

Cause the immediate loss of at least 2,000 jobs

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'Most experts believe that there are more lilegally

Do you really think the Government's bill will work? Or do you just wish it would?

If the honest answer to the last question is 'yes', spare a few moments' thought for this country's shooting men and women. In a mature democracy, the only excuse for the removal of a freedom is a real public benefit. But the Firearms Bill as presented, will not work. It is a simplistic response to a complex problem. It is illogical, it scapegoats the innocent and may aggravate

the problem of firearms crime. So what should be done?

The Sportsman's Association is not for the status quo. We want improved laws and better police procedures for firearm certification. We believe that there is a need for a centralised, national firearms licensing authority staffed by specialists One of the great weaknesses of the present system is that police officers may be sent out on firearm enquiry duties without adequate training or knowledge.

In his evidence to the Parliamentary Home Affairs Committee on the Possession of Handguns, Sir James Sharples, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said that bans would not work and that the police service had learnt that it needed to pay more attention to the personal suitability of the individual. Although ACPO's position has subsequently changed, we think the truth in Sir James' comments is clear.

How the Sportsman's Association began

The Sportsman's Association was formed at Bisley (the National Shooting Centre) on the 19th October, 1996. Six hundred ordinary people gathered

because they were alarmed by Government proposals. In three weeks, 40,000 more have joined their ranks. We are still growing by several thousand members a day. Our target is a million members.

Who has joined the Sportsman's Association:

As well as Olympians and other champions our membership includes thousands of ordinary men and women from all walks of life. We all believe that the Government's proposed firearms legislation is wrong. It ignores Lord Cullen's advice and creates an ominous precedent for introducing drastic, irrational legislation as a response to calamity. It, despite our best efforts, the Firearms Bill becomes law, we will challenge its legality in home and European

What will the bill do?

The proposals will outlaw full-bore handguns and impose draconian restrictions on .22 pistols. This maybe just the beginning. One Labour MP, Martin Redmond, has asked Partiament to ban shotguns "except for pest control on agricultural land". Such radical measures, supported by the anti-gun lobby, would cause chaos in the countryside, eliminate nearly a million certificate holders and destroy the proud sports of game and clay shooting.

Powerful pressure groups such as the police staff associations are calling for rifles, shotguns, airguns, and replicas to be outlawed. Such measures will be ignored by criminals and may criminalize the law-abiding. Calls to ban one object or another fail to address the real problem: who or what will be the next victim of this syndrome?

Our Champions Say...

Sporting Clays Champion



The media have not reported the fact that existing laws, however they might be improved, would have prevented this atrocity had they been property enforced. Thousands of people's lives will be dislocated if the Firearms Bill becomes law without any benefit to public safety. Sarah Cooper, Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medziist...



What the Government are doing is wrong. They are persecuting innocent people and ignoring the failure of Central Scotland Police in Hamilton's case. I've got nothing against strict law, but it must be based in logic. This bill will result in bad low. It's just another Dangerous Dogs Act. John Bidwell, reigning World FITASC



I am disgusted that this country, admired the world over for demogracy and fairness, and which I was so proud to represent, is about to wipe out a harmless sport. It is being blamed for the negligence of the authorities who - had they applied the law as it is - would have prevented Hamilton's atrocity being carried out with a legally eld firearm

Malcolm Cooper MBE, double Olympic Champion and holder of six Commonwealth Games Gold Medals



I was horrified by what happened at Dunblane, But it is unjust that sporting shooters should be punished for this terrible crime. If these proposals go through it will wipe out our Olympic prospects at Sydney in 2000.

Carol Page, British Olympic Pistol Shooting Team

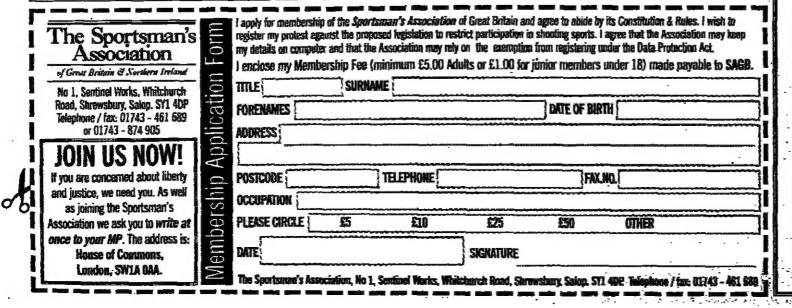


If the bill becomes law, the lives of many disabled sportsmen will be profoundly affected. Pistol shooting is one of the few sports where we can compete with the able bodied! on equal terms and win. Bob Everitt, disabled shot, Great Britain Pistol Team

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Executive sues for drink diagnosis that cost job

BRIGHTER life beckoned for a middle-aged executive when he was headhunted by a television company. Peter Baker felt confident that he had passed a pre-employment medical and handed in his notice from his old job.

Then everything changed. The company doctor concluded that he had a drink problem. The company withdrew the job offer, along with the incentive plan, the car and the

Yesterday Mr Baker, 53. began a claim for damages against Dr Georges Kaye, by telling the High Court that he drank an average of one or two glasses of wine a day and that there had never been a question mark over his drink-

ing in a 22-year career. He admitted that a blood sample at his medical might have been affected by the fact that he had recently attended a business congress in Monte Carlo, where he consumed a bottle of wine a day. Robert Seabrook, QC, for Dr Kaye, suggested that an employer would find that level unsatisfactory. Mr Baker replied: "If



Georges Kaye: advised firm against job offer

every employer took that view, there would be nobody in the

Mr Baker, a father of three from Great Bookham, Surrey, is claiming damages for the docar's alleged breach of his duty of care to make a proper essment of his health for NBC Europe, where we had hoped to become the £45,000a year head of international sales. It is believed to be the first time a court has been asked to decide if a company physician owes a duty of care to a prospective employee.

Mr. Baker, whose previous employers included Warner Brothers, said he was angry and shocked when told of Dr February 1991. He was recalled for a second blood test after the first showed abnormalities. Questioned about his drinking habits, he had said Monte Carlo was exceptional and an "an occupational hazard". At home he might go without alcohol for days then share one bottle of wine with his wife during a meal out.

Dr Kaye, an occupational physician, of Kensington, west London, said Mr Baker's blood tests were highly suggestive of an alcohol problem. He was concerned it might become an issue in a job involving foreign travel twice a fortnight and effectively becoming the "face of NBC".

The doctor, who had con-ducted medicals for the company for more than ten years, said he recalled Mr Baker, eliminated other possibilities for the test results, then questioned him about his drinking habits: "It was very hard to get a history out of him. I felt he was deflective, on guard. Dr Kaye said he reached the conclusion that Mr Baker

about 42 bottles of wine. He denied describing Mr Baker as a regular heavy drinker but concluded he was a "spree drinker". He added: "I felt he had given me ample evidence that, when paid by an employer to do work in the course of a professional assignment, he was likely to consume quantities of alcohol that were likely to interfere with the crispness of his thinking process."

The doctor sought a second opinion from a colleague before deciding that Mr Baker should not be employed: "I lose sleep over such questions," he said.

Mr Baker's wife, Beryl, told the court: "My husband doesn't drink too much." She said that she had never known them to share more than one bottle of wine with a meal. During the week, he might drink one or two glasses of wine a day: "When you have to go to work, there is nothing worse than waking up with a hangover. If we went out, we would share a bottle, but we would always have a bottle of Perrier with it." The case continues.



Peter Baker: conference was "occupational hazard"

Unionists wary of tourism link with Republic

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

campaign was launched yes-Ireland and the Republic as a single tourism destination. But some unionists in Northern Ireland reacted angrily to the joint venture.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said it was another step on the road to a united Ireland. The political intention of the pan-nationalist front is to graft Northern Ireland on to all-Ireland structures in a gradual and unobtrusive way."

Baroness Denton of Wake-field, Minister for the Northern Ireland economy, who was at the launch in Dublin yesterday, dismissed Mr Taylor's protests. She said it was a very exciting" commercial arrangement that would secure more jobs in the tourism industry. The Northern Ireland Tourism Board expects that the campaign will yield about £27 million and 720 jobs over the next three years. John Taylor, of the Ulster Unionist Party, welcomed the

examining all promotional material for traces of the Irish tricolour. If there is the slightest misrepresentation of the position of Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom then we will object very strongly," he said. There will also be television advertisements shown in the United States, France, Germany and Britain.

Tourism in the North reached an all-time high during the IRA ceasefire. It is now worth more than £200 million a year in Northern Ireland and provides 12,000 jobs. In the Republic, tourism is growing at seven times the rate of the rest of Europe. It generates £2.3 billion a year and has created 100,000 jobs.

Seventy-seven groups from north and south of the border were represented on the first joint stand at the World Travel Market yesterday. The travel market, at Earls Court in London, is the largest international tourism convention.

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Blood tests and appearances may be deceptive

SIR WILLIAM OSLER, the Oxford physician and father of modern medicine, believed in on-the-spot diagnosis. He said that no doctor would succeed unless he learnt to sum up his patients in the time it took them to walk from the consulting room door to the chair by his desk.

no more than a suppe Today ten millilitres of blood tory will give a

Even a cursory glance, how-ever, shows that the middleaged male heavy drinker has a different shape from his less sibulous contemporary. Those who drink to excess have spindly arms and legs with wasted muscles, heavy breasts, a prominent abdomen and a scrawny bottom. Closer examination may reveal thinning body hair and shrivelled genitalia.

The skin of the face will probably be thickened with prominent small veins. If the man is a very heavy drinker he has about a one in seven chance of displaying signs of which look like the body of a red spider, a coarse shake to his hand and a tongue which flicks in and out like a viper's. Blood tests will show ab-

normal liver function. A routine blood biochemistry test measures five enzyme levels that are applicable to liver function. Many condi-

will have to be judged in conjunction with the physical examination and the patient's history. The blood count is also significant because the red cells of a heavy drinker will be fewer in number but

the chair by his desk.

Osler must have spotted from heavy drinkers like to many heavy drinkers as he admit the habit. Most underwatched them cross his room, rate the amount they drink but his diagnosis commonly when her a mount decor, have been a provisional one.

so high alcohol consumption Medical examinations are an important part of the jobselection process. The future of the firm, and of other workers' continuing employment, may depend on finding the right man. But the doctor's role must always be to assess the patient's physical and mental health; he must never be judgmental about the pa tient's lifestyle, unless it affects either of these.

One of the problems when sessing drinking patterns is that the Government's guide-lines on sale drinking, although sounder than they were, are still lower than need he for most people. The Government, understandably, has to play safe and set a limit that will encompass not only the average person but those who are least likely, because of their physique, to be able to deal adequately with alcohol.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

A PREGNANT woman flying to Hong Kong from London was in luck when her baby opted for an unscheduled arrival. On board was John Hayworth, consultant in the accident and emergency unit at Southampton General Hos-

Karen Pirt, of British Airways, also helped and has visited mother and daughter in hospital in Hong Kong. Mr Hayworth said: The birth was normal and quick and the haby did all the right things." A colleague, Andrew McQuitty, said that as he was an instructor in paediatric lifesupport, the baby could not have been in better hands.

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This is the biggest Canadian seal hunt for a quarter of a century and the largest slaughter of marine mammals in the world today. Baby seals are clubbed or shot. Some are skinned alive. Older animals are also shot and unknown numbers of seals are wounded and left to suffer.

Now, Government advisors and politicians want to expand the slaughter.

"this year I hope we are going to have 350,000 plus, probably 400,000." (John Efford, Canadian Newfoundland Fisheries Minister, interviewed on CKIX-FM News, Newfoundland, 21st October 1996).

Up to 400,000 seals could be killed this Spring, unless you do something to help us save them. The kill quotas should be announced in December, so we have to act fast.

International fur dealers are also working behind the scenes to get the

European trade ban on 'whitecoat' and 'blueback' seal pups lifted, so their skins can once again be legally sold right here in the UK.

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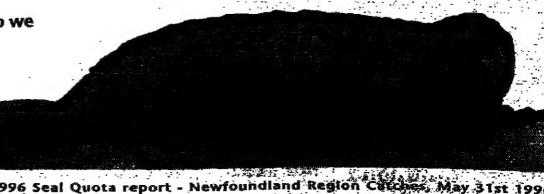
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HOME NEWS

Pregnant women face biggest risk of domestic violence

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

greater danger of being beaten them from reporting attacks.
by their husbands and boyChristine Bewley, senior lecfriends, according to research turer in midwifery at Middlein North America. In one Canadian study 7 per cent of

mothers-to-be were abused. Jealousy of the unborn Abuse and Women's Citizen-baby, sexual frustration or ship: "Pregnancy can actually money problems when a woman gives up work were most likely to be the causes. Warning signs were said to include fathers-to-be always

PREGNANT women are in the ante-natal clinic to stop sex University, told an international conference in

Brighton entitled Violence. act as a trigger for domestic violence to begin or to escalate. There have been reports of foetal injury so that babies are born with abdominal organs ruptured or broken bones."

Midwives told to look for danger signs

Ms Bewley has helped to train 400 British midwives in the past four years to look for chies of domestic abuse.

The man who is abusing his pregnant partner will stay with her because he is afraid that, if she is on her own, she will say something. Watch couples together. Is that fellow with his partner because he is

cause he doesn't want her to

Midwives were more likely to take action if they feared the unborn baby was at risk, rather than to protect the mother, she said. Midwives have been urged to look for women who fail to keep appointments, make frequent complaints of headaches or

drugs, or complain that they have possessive husbands or boyfriends.

Some men might try to suggest that their wives were subject to violent mood swings during pregnancy, explaining the increase in violence, but Ms Bewley said: "It is to do with the traditional view of blaming women's hormones. whether they have PMT, the

I don't think many people would give that credence."

She and Andrew Gibbs, of the Faculty of Health Studies at Napier University, Edinburgh, were the first to pre-pare guidelines for British midwives about domestic violence, but their work has met resistance in the midwifery and medical establishments.

Ms Bewley gave as an example of prejudice a consultant obstetrician's remark that It makes them feel sexy." Mr Gibbs said: "Some colleges of midwives won't even let me in the classroom."

The Royal College of Mid-wives in Scotland has now recognised the issue by hosting a study session and some training establishments included the study of domestic violence on midwifery courses.

A review of all research

published by the Journal of Nurse Midwifery suggests one in 50 pregnant women will be beaten. A study of 40 families in New Hampshire with no known history of violence found that a quarter of the women had been beaten dur-

ing pregnancy.
A study in Islington, north London, published in the British Journal of Psychiatry, found that 25 per cent of working-class mothers had been beaten and many had reported more severe violence

Teachers in vogue reveal secrets of the school for style

TEACHERS at Earlham School in Norwich yesterday disclosed the secrets of the dress sense that caught the eye of Gillian Shephard, and agreed with the Education Secretary's comments that a smart appearance was vital to set pupils a good example.

Mrs Shephard said on BBCl's On the Record programme on Sunday that all the 55 staff had been smartly dressed when she visited the comprehensive school in June, but the female teachers looked "as though they had stepped out of the pages of

Ölwen Freemantle, 44, a modern languages teacher, buys her suits from Marks & Spencer in Norwich because, she said, they were good value. "I do think it's important to look smart because it sets a good example to the pupils if teachers look tidy and neat. I think the children might find the suggestion that we appear in Vogue rather amusing but I shan't be changing my career."

Mrs Freemantle, who has three children and has taught at the school for four years, was wearing a black suit.



Shephard: said women were like fashion models

yesterday. Her outlit was set off with a gold necklace, diamond rings and soft red nail varnish. "I don't think there is any need for a formal dress code for teachers," she said. "Most men wear suits and for women good taste is what counts."

Sandra Howard, who teaches English and is one of two deputy heads, said she bore her position in mind when choosing clothes. "You have an image to maintain. It's important to be smart and quite formal in my position as gives the children an image look up to," she said.

Mrs Howard, who bought her black wool pinstripe suit

Norwich for £100, said it was slightly more than she usually spent. "I think teachers dress appropriately to the job they are doing. If you are teaching in a primary school you might be crawling around on all fours on the floor." Mrs Howard, who was wearing a pair of tiny silver dancing elephant earrings, said they were a present from an elderly neighbour and one of her favourite pieces of jewellery.

However, she emphasised that appearance was not the teachers' most valuable asset. The day that Mrs Shephard came I do agree that the staff dressed smartly, but that's not the most important thing about this school — it's the fact that the teachers are dedicated and care about all the children.

William Dashley, a history teacher, said he warmly ap-proved of Mrs Shephard's praise. "I do agree with her. I present my lessons well and I do believe it is very important that I look smart. I used to work for Norwich Union and we were expected to wear a suit there, so I still do wear a suit now to work."

Mr Dashley's dark grey suit came from Marks & Spencer. "I do like looking for nice



Model teachers: from left, Paul Ranger, Olwen Freemantle, William Dashley, Sandra Howard and David Shiret show their dress sense

bright ties to set off my suit. If I ever came in looking scruffy the children would pass comment, I am quite sure of it." The school, which came third from bottom of Norfolk's 65 secondary schools in

last year's examination league

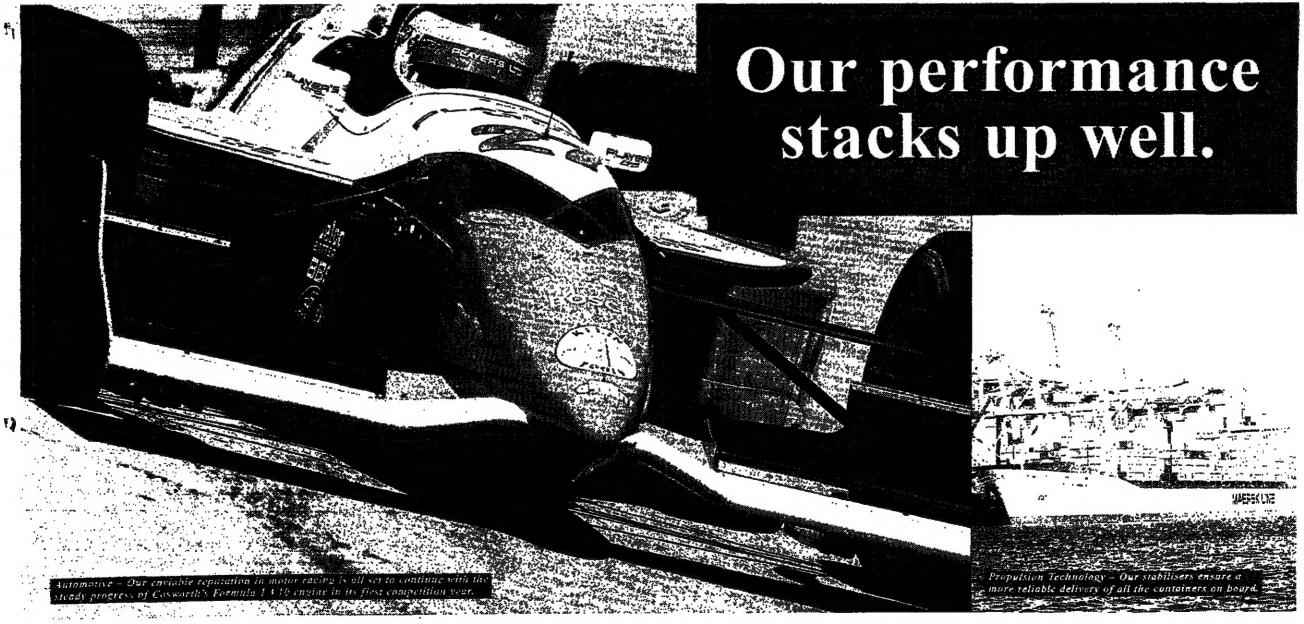
tables, introduced a dress code after abolishing school uniform in September last year. Pupils must wear a white shirt, navy or black trousers or skirts, and a navy sweatshirt. It is up to parents

ren comply. The school blazer and tie were replaced because the uniform became too expensive for many parents. Mrs Freemantle said. "The boys, especially, were growing out of their blazers too ouickly and that caused a

problem. We wanted to make a practical alternative so we set up a working party with the governors and agreed on the change.

The fame of Earlham might lead to rivalry with other

Turner, chairman of Norfolk County Council education committee, said: "I can see there being a fashion competition now between teachers over the next few weeks."



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Army records of Great War give details of the horrors that returning soldiers kept to themselves

Revealed at last: official files on life in trenches

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

heroism is plain, nevertheless.

the youngest man in the Army

to be awarded the Victoria

Cross, was killed in action on

the Somme on September 3.

19to. Despite his courageous exploits, there is no mention of

his passing in the battalion war diary because it records

In total, the original docu-ments take up nearly two miles of shelving at Hayes and

are held in more than 42.800

boxes. Only 8 per cent of the Army's files were released because most — about 60 per cent — were destroyed by fire

The remainder were so bad-

damaged by fire or water

that they require special care. The Public Record Office has

received £350,000 to fund a

pilot study to discover whether

fence papers for the officers -

1.6 million in all — will not be released until 1998.

the PRO, said: "My father told

me nothing about his experi-

ence in the war, and other

people have said the same

about their relatives. Life was

so had in the Twenties that

they didn't talk about it, it

seems. I am looking forward

to filling in some of the gaps."

Kay Payne, of the Friends of

documents on microfilm.

during the Blitz in 1940.

only the deaths of officers.

The class system strikes one as brutish. Edward Dwyer,

FAMILIES of those who served in the Great War were able to discover more yesterday about what happened to them, after service records of ordinary soldiers in the conflict were made available to the public.

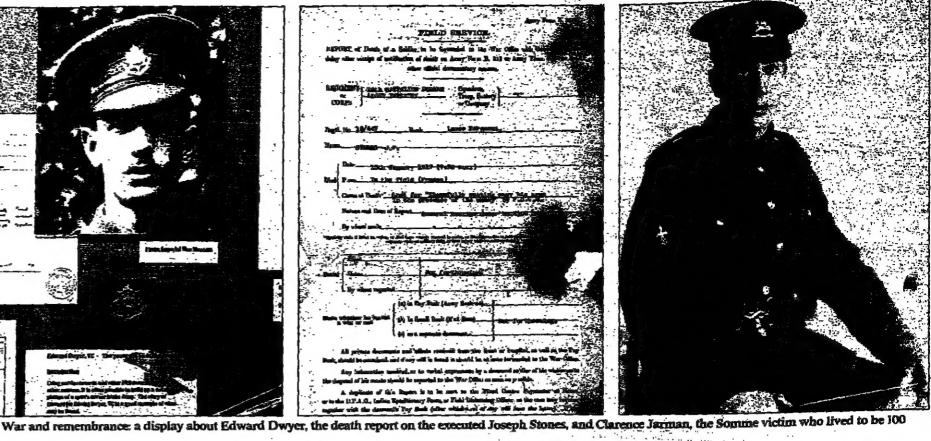
The 750,000 files of individual soldiers that have been transferred on to microfilm at the Public Record Office in Kew, west London, are the first phase in the staggered release of material that historians believe will change our views of the First World War. Further releases of the records of "other ranks" and officers, and of those who served in the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Navy are expected to follow.

William Spencer, the Public Record Office's adviser in records of defence policy and military history, said: "They will be of great interest to people for the people for t ple finding ancestors who served as Tonimies, as well as to academics of all sorts from demographers interested in the height or weight of Kitchener's army to the social historian wanting to know about the background of the men who fought on the

We expect something of a stampede when word gets out that these records contain quite a lot of interesting information about people's fathers and grandfathers.

The yellowing and faded enlistment, discharge and medical papers reflect the military obsession with formfilling. Every medical checkup is recorded in detail on a soldier's records until the simple words "missing in action" or "dead" are written in immaculate copperplate. The





The boys who lied to fight like men

Dwyer's casualty form record that he went down with measles, was treated for a septic heel, awarded the highest military award for gallantry, and died on the Somme.

is feasible to place these They do not do justice to the When the Australians re-leased equivalent records they remarkable story of a teen-ager who lied about his age to received more than 12,000 enlist at 17, became the war's inquiries in the first year. You youngest winner of the Viccan multiply that figure by ten, relative to the number of documents." Mr Spencer said, toria Cross, returned home as a celebrity, then re-enlisted. He became a hero in April 1915 at Hill 60 near Ypres. A adding that the releases would handwritten diary by a senior officer recalls how, braving continue into early in the next century. The Ministry of De-

> and threw grenades at Ger-man lines. He was 19. The action ensured celebrity status back home in Fulham, southwest London, On his return, he was feted by the local press and used by the War Office, anxious to exploit his new-found fame as a focus for war propaganda. He made a record about his experiences at the front and

enemy fire. Dwyer stood up

TEENAGE VC

performed a rousing patriotic song. In December 1915 he married a nurse, Maude Barrett-Freeman, but he found life at home too tame and reenlisted for service on the front line. He was killed on September 3, 1916.

Papers also reveal how another teenager. George Al-fred Redrup, of Prestwood, Buckinghamshire, lied about his age to join the King's Royal Rifle Corps in Novem-ber 1914. He was 15. His true age came to light only when he was wounded, and his was wounded, and his records say he was "discharged having made misstatements as to age". He was allowed to keep his 1914-15 Star and Victory Medal.

Once he had recovered, he re-enlisted with the Third Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, again lying about his age. He was killed at the Battle of Aisne in 1918.

Pardon sought for disgraced sergeant lived to be 100

SENTENCED to death on Christmas Eve 1917, Lance Sergeant Joseph William Stones, of 19 Durham Light Infantry, the Bantams, was shot at dawn for "shamefully casting away his arms in the presence of the enemy" at

According to the official record, the 5ft 2in former miner died in disgrace. Among his family his name was never mentioned. His widow, Elizabeth, denied a pension, moved and married another miner three months later. Eighty years on, his great-nephew, Tom Stones, has launched a campaign to pardon the 25-year-old NCO from Crook, Co Durham.

The facts are stark. At 2am on November 26, 1917, Stones was patrolling a mined area with a lieutenant when they were surprised by a German raiding party and the officer was killed. Stones dropped his rifle and made his way to the rear to raise the alarm, but

was stopped by military po-licemen and held with two sentries. Lance Corporals Peter Goggins and John Mc-Donald, who had also fled. Despite his good fighting record and previous good character, Stones received the ultimate penalty, as did the

ultimate penalty, as did the other two. All three were shot in mid-January. After extensive research at the Durham Light Infantry Museum and through family

records, Tom Stones, 56. a microbiologist from Stafford, believes his relative was wrongly executed for trying to raise the alarm. "I was angry at first and now I just want a pardon. He was a scapegoat. You do not get to be a sergeant in the Durham Light Infantry for being first in the cooknouse.

queue, but he was taken out in

a French farmyard and shot

Clarence Jarman defied the odds to outlive his contemporaries and overcome the loss of his right leg. But he suffered pain until he died at the age of 100, the day before

on July 1, 1916. Pages of medical notes, on faded blue and green paper, tell of his progress from field hospitals to antiseptic isolation wards. Fricourt was ended by shrapnel in his right calf. He received emergency treatment at Corbie, where a medical orderly wrote of a serious infection in the wound. The infection spread inexorably up his leg. From Corbie he went to Amiens, then Abbe-

Somme amputee

tors decided that his leg y

beyond saving.

Mr Jarman received a cer-

tificate of sobriety and note

worthiness and left the Army

school attendance officer in

to work for 36 years as

of the Battle of the Somme. Remembrance Sunday. Mr Jarman, a private in the

Royal West Surrey Regiment, was one of the 40,000 injured His part in the advance at ville, on to the 3rd Canadian Hospital at Boulogue. He was

then shipped home to a hospi-

tal in Aberdeen, where doc-

Woking, Surrey. He retained a keen interest in sport, play-ing cricket as a wicketkeeper for 20 years, swimming until be was 88 and being a longserving committee member of Woking Football Club. Yesterday his second wife, Adda, 80, recalled her 34 years with the old soldier who was known as Clarrie to his friends and family. "He was a very kind person who was always helpful, and a great sportsman. He always said he enjoyed the comradeship of his years in the Army and he

was never bitter about losing

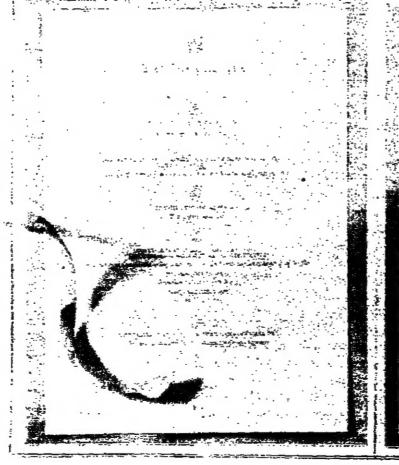
his leg. He never let it stop

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he suffered dreadful pain."

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Britain answers the call to stand in silence





Girls at the Royal School in Hampstead, north London, standing with heads bowed in remembrance yesterday. Police brought traffic in Parliament Square, in the shadow of Big Ben, to a halt for two minutes after it had struck eleven

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

CHILDREN stood by their desks with heads bowed, police halted on their beats, factory workers downed tools and office staff took their telephones off the hook. They were joining the nation's old soldiers yesterday in observ-ing two minutes' silence in memory of those who gave their lives in war.

As the clocks struck eleven, much of the country came to a halt. Tannoys at railway stations and airports asked passengers to stand still. Planes at Heathrow airport turned off their engines, and in one of the terminal buildings a bugler sounded Last Post.

The usual bustle on the floor of the City's financial institutions was quictened as traders in their brightly coloured blazers turned off computers and stood in absolute silence. At the giant Liffe building in London, over 2,500 staff from the International Financial

change stopped their usually frenetic dealing.

The Royal British Legion had asked the country to mark Armistice Day and the moment the fighting stopped in the First World War — the eleventh hour of the eleventh

silence. Charles Lewis of the legion said: "Support has exceeded our greatest expectations. We are so very grateful to the British people who clearly showed they want this to be an annual event." It was during the planning of celebrations for the fiftieth

senior figures in the legion proposed there should be a silence as a chain of bonfires was lit around the coastline to mark the end of the Second World War. The enthusiastic support the legion received, particularly from the young, prompted a group of advisers

Futures and Options Ex- 1918 — with the two minutes' anniversary of VE-Day that to argue for the return of the observance once given to Armistice Day. Jeremy Lillies, head of pub-

lic affairs at the legion's head-quarters in Pall Mall, remembers how pessimistic the organisation was that Britain could once again recapture public support for such a

demonstration. "Old soldiers still paused for two minutes wherever they were, but we had doubts if it was still relevant to the British people," he said.

It was in 1946 that the Government proposed Remembrance Sunday as the

its war dead. "Somehow, Armistice Day just fell by the wayside," Mr Lillies said. "Even up to the late Fifties and early Sixties everyone would stop driving. Buses pulled over, people stopped, the noise was still for those precious

minutes." He said that when the

success of the call for a silence to mark VE-Day, "what was particularly striking was that young people were the most enthusiastic". He added: "We believe that the two minutes' silence will be part of the country's calendar from now

its success could be judged yesterday by the stilling of tills from the corner shop to the big stores; silence on radio and television: a drop in electricity demand "big enough to power a city the size of Leeds"; and a Lottery for its 30,000 outlets to suspend ticket sales for two

☐ Lord Healey and Lord Merlyn-Rees have launched a campaign to make Second World War poetry part of the National Curriculum. They believe the standard of the poetry published this week in The Voice of War (Penguin Books, \$7.99) is so good it ought to be studied in schools.





Shoppers at the Tesco store in Foots Cray, southeast London, joined much of the country in observing the two minutes' silence, as did futures traders at Liffe in the City

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I needed no advice from junior whip, says inquiry MP

chaired the original inquiry into the cash-for questions affair said yesterday that he was not even aware that David Willetts was a Tory whip when they discussed the

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith also said that the memorandum of the conversation that led to claims that the whips were putting pressure on him to delay the proceedings was partially inaccurate. Sir Geoffrey was chairman

of the Members' Interests Committee, which planned an investigation into allegations against the former trade minister Neil Hamilton before it was replaced by the Standards and Privileges Committee. Giving evidence to that committee's inquiry yesterday, he denied charges that he had succumbed to pressure from

He told the hearing that with more than 20 years experience he had not needed to take the advice of Mr Willetts, then a young and newly appointed whip. I neither sought advice nor did I expect anyone to give me advice." Sir Geoffrey said. "I didn't necessarily assume that Mr Willetts was going to report [the conversation]. I wasn't even sure that Mr

Willens had sought improperly to persuade Sir Geoffrey in 1994 either to rush through an inquiry into Mr Hamilton or delay it by exploiting "the good Tory majority" on his committee, or by claiming that any discussion would be sub

A handwritten note by Mr Willetts of a conversation he had with Sir Geoffrey was circulated to MPs at yesterday's hearing and clearly showed that Mr Willetts had given the chairman the two choices. Answering questions from Tony Newton, the new committee's chairman, Sir Geoffrey defended Mr Willetts as a "highly repected member of the House". But he made it clear that he had completely misunderstood the "chat" they had had together and that he was not seeking any advice from Mr Willetts on how he

Sir Geoffrey told Mr Newton, the Leader of the House, that as far as he could remember his conversation with Mr Willetts had centred on the issue of the libel writ issued by Mr Hamilton against The Guardian. My recollection is really of a conversation that would have covered that aspect," he said.

"As far as Mr Willetts is concerned with his obviously inquiring mind, which is highly respected by members

than myself. I think it is only natural that that issue should occur. My recollection would be that, as with others, I did raise in general terms the issue of the writ, that there was this novel feature which I thought - and I was quite open about that - posed a

Sir Geoffrey denied using the words "exploit a good Tory majority". He told the committee: "I think you will have to ask Mr Willetts as to how he wrote up that conversation, but I am quite convinced in my own mind that words like exploiting a good Tory majority' are not in my vocabulary." Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the House, asked Sir Geoffrey who had initiated the conversation.

"I can't recall how it happened. We do wander around hese corridors and these conversations do arise. Its unlike-ly that I would walk up to someone but out of natural curiosity Mr Willetts might

have approached me.
"I can't think why he thought I wanted his advice. I was quite clear in my mind with my experience where my

Sir Geoffrey made it clear that no one from the Whips' Office had continued the conversation later. "Nobody contacted me whatsoever. I see the



Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith giving evidence to the privileges committee yesterday

Chief Whip two times a week as vice-chairman of the 1922 Committee and he never uttered one word about it."

He repeatedly emphasised that the note was partly inac-curate but told Jill Knight, Tory MP for Edegbaston: This was a shorthand note and I am not here to rubbish a shorthand note, because a shorthand note is very often followed up by some verbal explanation."

John Evans, Labour MP for St Helens North, said any fair-minded rational person' who read Mr Willetts's memorandum would conclude that Sir Geoffrey had sought ad-vice from a "high level within

the Government" on how his committee should handle the "potentially devastating" allegations against Mr Hamilton. "Isn't it astonishing that Mr Willetts could have put such a. reading onto the conversation and discussions that you had when you seemingly cannot recall how he could possibly

arrive at that conclusion? Sir Geoffrey replied: "Yes, I think it is astonishing and I think you are quite right and I think you better ask Mr Willetts, if I may suggest that."
He told Nigel Jones, Liberal
Democrat MP for Cheltenham, that he had never felt under any pressure from Number 10 and had had no

contact with anyone there. Questioned by Quentin Da-vies, Tory MP for Stamford and Spalding, Sir Geoffrey said he did not know whether Mr Willetts was a whip or not. Pressed further, Sir Geoffrey insisted: "I do not recall havthat I was addressing a member as a whip."
He said that if was intend-

ing to pass information onto the whips he would have spoken to the Chief Whip. Alistair Goodlad, whom he saw once a week anyway. "I would not have used a jurior whip as a conduit," he said. Sir Geoffrey said that he had not discussed the whole affair with Mr Willetts in ecent weeks. He and Mr Willetts had merely greeted each other when passing in Westminster. He also admirted that he did not know-Mr Willetts had written a memo-

IN PARLIAMENT

randum of their conversation

Major has strong case, but will the voters care?

he Government yester-day deployed its maximum firepower on the economy Michael Hesel-tine, in his role as chief threat to Britain's competitive position. Both main parties executive of Great Britain plc exaggerate the significance of reviewing the balance sheet; Malcolm Riskind and Ian the social chapter. Not only have many British multina-Lang launching the White Paper Free Trade and Foreign tionals accepted its provisions but there is also a growing Policy: a Global Vision: and, acceptance in the rest of Europe of the dangers of finally, John Major as head booster of the British success adding to social costs. story. There was an orgy of good news and optimism. Did I hear the strains of Elgar and ition is flawed. Mr Blair and Gordon Brown talk as if Land of Hope and Glory in the background? But I doubt Britain can take and leave what it implements, and whether all this Britain is would not agree to any measures that might burden business. But if Britain ended its

electurally decisive.
The Tories have a strong case, even if it is not as good as they claim. There have, after all been several big policy mistakes over the years. Taxes have risen since 1992, many people have lost their jobs and businesses have gone bust. But the recent performance has been better. It is not just the fall in unemployment, relatively low inflation and rising living standards. As important are the series

of arguments about competitiveness and deregulation summed up in the slogan the enterprise centre of Europe". The Government's new White Paper is a worthy - though, as the Prime Minister's office has admitted in a leak, hardly novel - discussion of the foreign policy and free trade implications. One yardstick of success is the high level of foreign investment in Britain. The Tones' problem is making voters care. These argu-

ments may be strong in the abstract people may accept the broad themes underlying the case for free trade and less red tape. But they do not necessarily regard their long-term prospects and prosperity as being at stakes and threatened if Labour wins. Tony Blair is not a reincarnation of Tony Benn circle 1974 and is not seen as such by industry.

The Tories are trying to wind up the issue of the social. chapter - linked to this morn-

ing's decision on the working-

time directive - to warn of the

linked Labour and European

Tories had previously enjoyed a big lead on economic management. They are right to focus on this issue, but are being over-optimistic in hop-ing that it will be enough to

offset the other factors work-

ing against them and save the

next general election.

Nonetheless, Labour's pos-

opt-out from the social chap-

ter, it would have limited room

for manoeuvre. Labour is

right that certain items, such

as social security, collective

bargaining and worker-direc-tors, are subject to unanimity.

But many other areas are decided by qualified majority

voting Moreover, Labour has talked of extending QMV in social, environmental, indus-

trial and regional policy, and Labour MEPs have made

proposals about works coun-

cils affecting companies with more than 50 employees.

the forefront of voters' minds

next spring. The economy generally, and rising living standards, should help the

Tories to narrow the gap with Labour. The regular MORI questions for The Times on

which party is best on certain issues show that the Tories

have been improving their position on managing the economy and have edged back

in front of Labour for the first

time since 1992. However, the

Tevertheless, I still do

not see the social chapter as being at

PETER RIDDELL

Woman reporter will fight safe Tory seat

WOMEN Tories have always struggled to beat their male counterparts in the battle to become parliamentary candidates, but Julie Kirkbride has ucceeded with apparent ease (Alice Thornson writes).

Miss Kirkbride (right), a 36year-old journalist, was choen from 300 hopefuls to stand for the safe seat of Bromsgrove defend a 13,700 Tory majority. Yesterday the selection com-

members had been impressed by her grasp of subjects ranging from the CSA to BSE cakemaking and football. She out her success down to her five years in Westminster as a political correspondent for The Daily Telegraph.
I didn't think I stood a

mittee said that her speeches

chance," she said. "I only went to the first interview to get some experience. Then I got to



the second round and sudde ly it was the finals." Labour's use of women-only shortlists could give the party almost 100 women MPs at the election. The Tories are unlikely to have more than 20.

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Concern at court rulings

Mackay calls for better quality of Euro judges

THE Lord Chancellor is to press for tighter controls over the European Court of Human Rights because of grow-ing concern at the quality of judges from some European

strong will

Lord Mackay of Clashfern will put the Government's case in person later this month for some kind of informal vetting of judges put up for the European Court, to be coupled with the standard selection criteria. There is concern in povernment circles that, with 40 countries now members of the Council of Europe and more expected, the quality and experience of some new judges cannot be guaranteed.

British officials believe that too many of the human rights judges, as academics or human rights specialists, have no practical experience. At the same time the Government is concerned about a string of recent adverse rulings by the court and wants reforms to ensure that the judges pay more heed to British circumstances and traditions.

Lord Mackay's visit to the presidents of the European Court and of the European Commission of Human Rights comes after rulings by the court have put Britain almost at the top of the league for breaches of the European Convention on Homan Rights. Britain has the third highest number of cases against it. after Italy and Turkey. In the past 30 years there have been 80 cases brought against Brit-ain and breaches found in 37.

The Lord Chancellor will press for reforms in two key areas: first, over the way the European judges are selected: and second, over the criteria



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used by the court when reaching its decisions. Lord Mackay said: "My main aim is to try to ensure that the arrangements give us the best judges for this type of work as we can get, within the framework of the different member states that have a part to play in nominating people for the court."

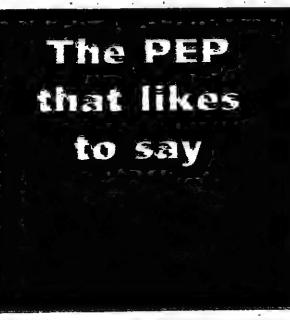
It was a question, he added. of trying to ensure that the people appointed were judges with a background in the work and were "sufficiently experienced in this area to be acceptable as judges in a court of considerable importance".

The Government is seeking some control over the nominations for the European Court put forward by member states. At present, these are almost always automatically endorsed by the Parliamenta-ry Assembly of the Council of Europe without question. The Government wants prelimi-nary discussions between countries — a kind of verting procedure — so that the names which finally emerge have wide backing. That could be coupled with proposals from the assembly to conduct interviews of potential candidates.

The second reform is over how the court reaches its decisions. Many critics feel it has gone beyond its remit by dealing with specific matters that states. The Government wants to persuade the judges to adopt a more tolerant ap-proach that takes account of the decisions of local democractic institutions and tribunals which, it says, "are best placed to assess issues this

A Foreign Office document outlining the Government's position on both reforms says: There is widespread agreeest that the common stanhids of the convention have to be maintained. But equally raditions in the way these standards are implemented in different countries have to be

The future of the European Court of Human Rights has been thrown into focus hecause Britain has signed a protocol which will merge the ourt and commission, probably by 1998. The question of incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights is backed by Labour as well as



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Avis Mulhearn, parish council chairman, outside the boycotted church: "Right is on our side," she said

Villagers boycott church over plan to build on green

VILLAGERS are boycotting parish services in protest over church plans to let property developers build on the green overlooking their community.

Planning permission has been granted for two large detached houses high on a hill at Sunningwell, near Abingdon. Oxfordshire. The Church of England, which owns the land, says that the money raised will be used to pay

ministers' wages.

More than 30 worshippers are staying away from the 750-year-old church of Sunningwell St Leonard. Avis Mulhearn, chairman of the parish council, said yesterday: This a beautiful place. Two new houses on the hill dominating everything, would be a terrible eyesore. By ignoring our views, the Church is saying Sod you lot.

The green is used for games, fishing in the stream, walking dogs and blackberry picking. It is planning permission for two houses at the moment, but that's just the thin end of the wedge. This village was first mentioned in the Domesday Book. It

shouldn't be blighted like this. The Church establishment may think they have won, but we have a few shots left. Our barrister is examining ways of seeking a judicial review. Right is on our side." Terry Landsbert, secretary

of the Oxford diocesan finance board, said that the boycott had been mounted by group: The project involves the construction of just two houses. We are like any other landowner and we have to do the best we can for the

"Those behind this sad boycott do not seem to understand or care that we have a duty to invest money from the sale to pay stipends. It's a very sad piece of nimbyism."

The Rev Tom Gibbons, rector of the parish, said he felt trapped between warring factions and that his ministry had become a matter of attempting to rebuild good-will in the community towards his employers. "At the moment, the church is the enemy of the village and it's

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An old man in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, sells pomegranates to make ends meet. The state pension of £14 a month will not buy a daily loaf of bread

Bulgarians face bitter winter after harvest of failed reforms

fier supping at some fashionable restaurant, Bulgaria's new rich steer their Mercedes into the southern foothills of the Vitosha Mountain and switch off their mobile telephones. From their big white, doublegaraged homes, they can see before them the whole of Sofia, darkly attractive, its misery camouflaged by a few flickerng neon advertisements.

veekends in Vienna, life must seem good in Bulgaria's limbo world where neither capitalism nor communism holds sway. But for Nadezhda, a doctor in the bruised northern part of town, where prematurely ageing suburbs give way to scrubland, the businessmen with their borrowed Western habits may as well be The talk in real Solia is of the rapid approach of the worst winter since 1920. Bulgaria, once the corn basket of Eastern Europe, is preparing for a season of bitter cold and hunger. If it happens, and the

Sofia's new rich enjoy a life of big cars and weekends in Vienna. For the rest, as the snows approach, it may be a case of starving or freezing, Roger Boyes reports

for the Bulgarian Government is manifestly unable to cope. How could this happen to a country which has made its mark in the West with Cabernet Sauvignon, sheep's cheese and strawberry jam?

Ten years ago, Nadezhda treated me for a stomach infection. Then she had a decent wage, a small car and Now she is desperate. In her pantry she shows me 50 bottled jars of conserves: plums, mushrooms, apples. As inflation rattled out of control over the summer she, like millions of other Bulgarians, harvested her small allotment, foraged in forests and established a store more appropriate to the civil defence school: how to survive a nuclear attack. Her neigh-



Stoyanov: stark choices

toes, brought into town by farmers. Anyone with capital has bought a deep freeze to meat supplies, but since power cuts are on the way, it seems a All the Mayor of Sofia,

sponsored by the authorities and complemented, he hopes, by private charity. The British Embassy and other expatriates plan to run a voluntary kitchen. The main beneficiaries are supposed to be pensioners living alone, outside the extended family. Their average pension is 5,000 leva,

about £14-a month. A few months ago a Bulgarian pensioner could have bought a loaf of bread a day on his allowance, nothing else. Now with inflation increasing at the rate of 20 per cent a month, even that daily loaf is no longer secure. Factory workers rush on pay day to the many currency exchange offices in Sofia and swop their leva earnings for marks or dollars: the only way of keep-ing the value of their wage.

Nadezhda makes a straightforward calculation. It carries unhority since she is in charge of the household account.
"Our heating bill is 7,000 leva,
the electricity is 700, cold
water is 550 and warm water around 1,200, the telephone comes to around 2,300 - and that's my salary." Her after-hours private consultations pay part of the food bill and her bushand's wage as an electrician covers the cost of arithmetic of a childless double-income couple, infinitely better off than most of the population, yet struggling to make ends meet. Two thirds of all Bulgarian households now live below the survival minimum of around 10,000 leva (£28) a month per household

After two years of socialist rule—which has slowed down and diverted reform - local inhabitants are beginning to realise that Bulgaria has become the sick man of Europe. There is no social safety net to catch those who fall off the

In theory Bulgarians who cannot afford to pay for power can apply for exemption from the electricity board. The board in turn is supposed to get back the money from the Treasury. In practice, however, no pensioner can understand the compensation forms, the bureaucrais are deliberately intimidating and the electricity board does not trust the Government to make good the shortfall. And so, as . Petar Stoyanov, the newly elected President, puts it. There is only one real choice facing Bulgarians — whether to switch off the heating or to go without food." There are no household electric or gas meters in Bulgaria, so personal consumption cannot be measured; it is thus up to the city council whether and when to turn off the heating in the housing estates.

Six years ago, when communist rule crumbled throughout Eastern Europe, each country was confronted with a choice: to implement tough market reforms or make more gradual changes. Bulgaria could never quite make up its mind and so it ended up with a small self-enriching class, many of them former communists or secret policemen, who have semi-privatised state concerns paddle for our lives."

Stefan Sofiyansky, can come up with is a network of soup kitchens, 30 of them to be of the country into Switzerland and Liechtenstein:

One difference between But garia and the rest of the region is that the new rich have no become a lobby for reform they are hostile to the opening up of the economy, jealous of foreign competition and protective of their privileges. The socialist Government, with close, personal and financia contacts to these magnates has been propping up rottes factories with apparently bor tomless subsidies.

Hence the policing mission of the International Monetar a further tranche of \$11 million (£70 million), which may help to pay for grain imports and keep the baker working, it wants the Govern tories. The Government seem almost anything — eve though it will swell eve further the ranks of the unen loyed. More than 700,00 Bulgarians, close to 16 per cer of the workforce, are without job. The trade unions as

□ Do you have confidence in the Government? No 68.8 per cent, Uncertain

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planning to stage a gener through previous crises. To rear is different the relation ship between the city and the

countryside, which has save the country in the past, ha started to break down. Barely 10 per cent of th sowing was complete by th has helped but there is clear not enough. The farmers have been unable to obtain ban credit for seed (or for fodder That is partly because the banks are in a mess — 14 has just been closed - and part because farmers cannot offe adequate security.

And so a country buckles. I

Sofia's cafés and bistros, th young people are cheern about the decline. The hope that when the final pig slaughtered and when the Government admits defea "Europe" will come to th rescue. A friend from th opposition Union of Demo cratic Forces recalls a Gree fable of three frogs caught in churn of milk. The first fro regards it as pointless i struggle and quickly drown The second is some everythin will be all right, and he als drowns. The third paddle with all his strength until the milk below him turns to butte and keeps him afloat, "That it, don't you seel booms th former dissident. Two frog have died - now we've got t

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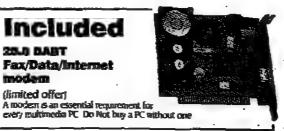
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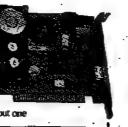
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Kohl forces coalition to back budget cuts for euro

By ROGER BOYES

Helmut Kohl, strained almost to breaking point, yesterday finally agreed to DM3-billion (El.2 billion) of additional pubic spending cuts aimed at ping Germany on course for European monetary union.

The negotiations struggled to a close at midnight on Sunday and the Chancellor's relief was obvious yesterday. He had threatened to resign and plunge the country into a political crisis unless his coalition partners buckled down.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, clearly exhausted, hinted that he would be happy to hand the Treasury to the querulous liberal Free Democrats in the next Cabinet reshuffle. Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, signatled that deep cuts in his budget would shoot down the multinational Eurofighter project as well as a spy satellite planned with the French.

In the event, the Chancellor stayed in power, the Finance Minister grudgingly returned to his desk and the Eurofighter seems to be secure. But it was a close-run thing and as even government politicians admitted last night

the deal could still unravel. Moreover, even if these and further savings keep Germany's deficit within the 3 per cent of gross domestic product needed to qualify for joining the single currency, the euro, there is big trouble ahead for the Government. The Free Democrats, the junior partner in the coalition, have linked

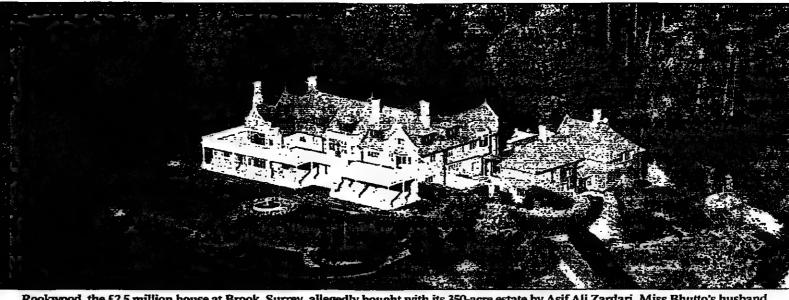
THE coalition Government of ' their support for Herr Kohl year and actively cutting them in 1998. Yet, to meet the monetary union target for next year, many spending projects have been put on ice. They will have to be paid for, almost

certainly by raising taxes. The Free Democrats then have to decide what is best for their survival chances: to stick with Herr Kohl and tarnish their image as the tax-cutting party, or to stay true to their programme, abandon the Chancellor and risk a stint in opposition. The Government, in short, could still collapse over Maastricht,

The savings will come part-ly from lower subsidies to farmers and reductions in coal mining subsidies. Pit workers were protesting yesterday, banging drums outside the Free Democrats' headquarters in Bonn.

The Defence Minister will have to shed about £80 million. Herr Waigel emphasised that these cuts would not affect the Eurofighter, which is to be built in co-operation with Britain, Italy and Spain. His assurance was partly motivated by self-interest since many of the aerospace jobs guaranteed by the project are based in his home state of Bavaria.

The largest cuts, of about £400 million, will be from the Labour Ministry. This in turn has prompted speculation that Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister is at the end of his



Rookwood, the £2.5 million house at Brook, Surrey, allegedly bought with its 350-acre estate by Asif Ali Zardari, Miss Bhutto's husband

Bhutto property deals under scrutiny

This year, Miss Bhutto denied

By ZAHTO HUSSAIN DARAMARAD VII AND LIN JENKINS

OPPONENTS of Benazir Bhutto, the deposed Pakistani Prime Minister, have identified a string of properties in Britain and France on which criticism of alleged financial impropriety of Asif Ali Zar-darl, her husband, has locused.

One is a £2.5 million 350acre estate boasting a main manor house, which is said to be one of the most secluded large houses in the Home Counties. It was sold three years ago amid great secrecy, with the estate agents kept unaware of the buyer as they London solicitor. Miss Bhutto has a house in

the South of France and her husband has two properties in Belgravia, London, and an estate in Normandy, bought in the name of his parents. All are being investigated by the interim administration in Islamabad. Rookwood in Brook, Surrey, nestles in a 26acre park, has a private landing strip, two staff cottages

and a separate gymnasium with tennis court and indoor swimming pool. When it was sold it had a master suite, a guest suite and seven other bedrooms. However, villagers say the Edwardian manor house has been much altered.

A fence 7ft high keeps onlookers on a public footpath at bay, security cameras are mounted and villagers said Pakistani security guards were patrolling the grounds.

she was behind the purchase of the estate. However, documents obtained by her opponents in Pakistan show that Mr Zardari bought the house through an Isle of Man

He remains detained without charge while investigations are carried out into allegations that he amassed a fortune through corrupt deal-

The flats in Wilton Crescent, Belgravia, owned by the husband of Miss Bhutto

Karachi cinema owner, he had no inherited money and the source of the hard currency he used to finance property deals is raising questions.

Miss Bhutto, 43, said yesterday that she had no plans to leave Islamabad after moving out of the Prime Minister's residence in the wake of her removal by President Leghari. She said that she would not return to her home in Karachi because her three

> in one, but recently were planning to move. The payments for the flats. owned by an offshore Jersey company, were made from a bank in Karachi to a mortgage account in Guernsey.
>
> Plane plan scrapped: Pakistan's caretaker Government scrapped Miss Bhutto's plan to buy an aircraft for government leaders. Irshad Ahmed Haqqani, the Information Minister, said yesterday. A Cabinet meeting also decided to revert to a six-day working

children were at school in the

capital. She found herself the

centre of criticism when she

appointed her husband Min-

ister for Investments in Au-

gust. Opponents began investigating his financial dealings

and there was an outcry in

September when he was dis-

covered to be paying for two

luxury flats in London. The

two flats, in Wilton Crescent.

Belgravia, where flats are

selling for about £500,000.

were funded from the Chan-

nel Islands. His parents lived

week "to increase government output". (AFP)

NEWS IN BRIEF **Full frontal** 'Lady C'

for Japan

pornography is freely avail-able, will soon have a chance to read an uncensored version of Lady Chatterley's Lover.

The Japanese publishing house Shinchosha said that a full translation of D.H. Lawrence's classic, including passages still officially banned, would be available on November 30. In 1950, the Japanese Supreme Court found a complete Japanese translation of the British author's book obscene and ordered about 80 pages of love scenes to be de-leted. (Reuter)

Opium exports

Seoul: Impoverished North Korea is running a nationwide network of secret poppy farms to produce and export opium to earn hard currency. Hur Chang Girl, 47, a defector, has said. (AP)

23 die in bus

Tblisi: At least 23 people were killed and many injured when a bus plunged over a ISOft precipice on a mountain road in Georgia on Sunday and crashed into a river, the Interior Ministry said. (Reuter)

Killer honoured

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas awarded "hero" status to Nuon Paet, a commander believed responsible for the murder of three Western hostages, including Mark Slater. a Briton, two years ago. (AFP)

Fruitbat virus

Sydney: Rabies vaccine has been flown to Australia to combat a potentially fatal virus in fruitbats. The rabiesrelated lyssavirus has infected a woman. 39. who is "serious"

Yeltsin to address nation in days after good recovery

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

gery he underwent last Tuesday that he will soon be able to

address the nation. According to the Kremlin, he is expected within days to make either a radio or television broadcast in which he will set out his plans for returning to office and resuming his duties in full. Although Russians have repeatedly been assured that their leader will regain his full health within weeks, many people will be satisfied only when they see and hear him for

Yesterday Sergei Mironov, the Kremlin's chief doctor. said that Mr Yeltsin would

recovered so rapidly from the Central Clinical Hospital for thorough investigation of all quantumbe heart byones suring to the Barvikha Sanitoriunt for a month's conval-

> Earlier Mr Yeltsin issued a written statement condemning the murder on Sunday of 13 mourners in a Moscow cemetery. The gangland incident was the bloodiest of its kind in Russian history and highlighted the need for Mr Yeltsin to resume office to tackle organised crime.

"I learnt with grief about the terrorist act at the Kotiyakovskoye Cemetery in Moscow," he said. "I express my condolences to the relatives and close friends of those who were killed. I have ordered the □ Viinius: Vytauras Landsbergis, the Lithuanian independence leader, made a spectacular political comeback vesterday when his party emerged as the clear winner of a second round of parliamen-

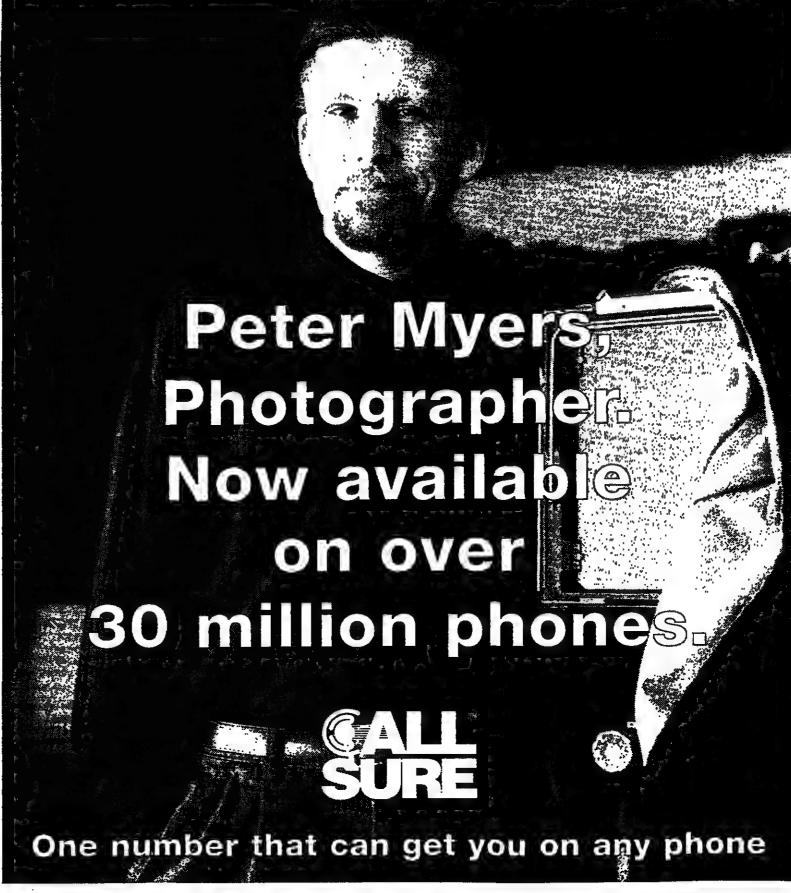
tary elections. Mr Landsbergis sealed his return to power four years after being rejected by voters in favour of his old foes, the former Communists of the Lithuanian Democratic Labour Party. He is expected to become Speaker of the new parliament, which some commentators say will allow him to prepare for a fight for the presidency in 1998. (Reuter)

PRESIDENT YELTSIN has continue recuperating at the legal authorities to carry out a

Iraqi asylum-seekers on coral isle OCEAN ravelled throug of Australia

Sydney: Thirty-six Iraqis, mainly professional men, are seeking asylum in Australia after being found on a coral island north of Darwin (Roger Maynard writes). Their journey began with a nighttime drive across desert into Jordan before catching a scheduled flight to Malaysia. From Kuala Lumpur, they reached Indonesia and went on to the East Timorese port of Kupang, where they met smugglers known as "snakeheads" who ferried them to





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Food and medical aid trickle into Goma refugee camp as 'funding frenzy' starts

Zaire rebel chief warns Hutus of counter-attack

LAURENT KABILA, the Zairean rebel leader, issued a warning yesterday he would order an end to his unilateral ceasclire with the Rwandan Hutu militia if they continued to shell Goma with mortars.

Mr Kabila, chief of the Alliance for Democracy and Liberation (Congo/Zaire), said he would attack Mugunga refugee camp in "one or two days" if Hutu militiamen continued their nightly attacks.

ing close to a hotel occupied by journalists, have been a daily occurrence at about 6pm. Several people, including women and children, have been killed random shelling of the city to spread terror among its citizens. "We cannot tolerate this situation any longer," said Mr Kabila, indicating that his men may already be planning

A thin trickle of food and medicine arrived for the people of Goma yesterday. signalling the start of a coming funding frenzy as aid agencies compete for money to finance a massive relief operation for Rwandan Hutu refu-

gees in the Mugunga camp. First into Goma, and first to be captured by television cam-Frontières (MSF), leaders of what has become known as "the agony industry", the multibillion pound business of giving. The French-based re-lief agency rolled into town with two pickups loaded with



As ethnic hostilities continue, Sam Kiley in Goma reports the clash between aid agencies on who should be fed and where

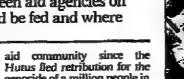
Goma's hospitals, cut off from supplies for a week.

Next came half a dozen

trucks from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). loaded with biscuits for distribution in a hungry city closed down fighting between eastern Zaire's rebels and Hutu extremists, now gathered in Mugunga. Both organisations court media coverage as a way of generating funding for their work, but have vastly different philosophies which will be ested over the coming weeks when Mugunga is finally accessible. Led by Care UK, many aid agencies have started to question their role in conflicts and ask whether, as in Liberia. Bosnia. and Somalia, they may actually do more harm than good as their resources become assets

which are fought over.
Others, like the UNHCR and the International Combeen accused of hiding behind the "humanitarian impera-tive", which dictates that their mission is to bring aid to the suffering without political imwhat should be done about the

Rwandan Hutu refugees in eastern Zaire has divided the



Last year MSF pulled out of the camps, saying that many

were nothing short of military bases using a captive civilian population as a cover. The year before, Care Canada refused to work in the Katale camp, a notorious hotbed of Hutu extremism, after being threatened by members of the Interahamoe, the Hutu mili-tia which killed Tutsis and Hutu moderates at a rate of 37,500 a day in 1994. Care Australia insisted it

should stay in Katale to run health clinics, an orphanage and a maternity unit using the much-cited explanation that "women and children should not be allowed to suffer". The Lutheran World Federation picked up the UN contract to distribute food dropped by Care Canada without missing

The charred bones of several Zairean women and children coated with molten plastic from the roof now lie covered by a thin layer of dirt where they were burned alive by the Interahamwe — some of them probably Care Australia employees — in the Katale maternity clinic.

Scenes such as this have meant that there is a growing consensus among aid organ-isations, of which Care. MSF and Oxfam are among the largest and most influential, that the 500,000 refugees believed to be in Mugunga camp should be given only enough resources to keep them alive. All other aid, they say, should Rwanda, 15 miles away. But many agencies have been reluctant to sign an agreement which would insist that all funding be dependent on this.



French put Mobutu back in driving seat

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ZAIRE'S President Mobutu, once cold-shouldered by Paris, has been transformed in the French Government' eyes into a revered elder statesman and his enormous country's most-likely saviour.

With every day that the eastern Zaire crisis intensifies, and the President extends his convalescence in the South of France, Paris believes his calls for his return grow in volume. Until recently the Zairean ruler

ailing with prostate cancer, out of touch and internationally shunned appeared increasingly irrelevant. Now a return to French favour has made him the key figure in Zaire's future. He is playing the situation with all the guile that has kept him in power and funds for three decades. France sees him as the last bulwark

gainst chaos, the only figure with sufficient clout to restore political stability. President Chirac insists he is "the best man to represent his country and find a political solution", while the French Foreign Ministry repeated-"a guarantor of stability". France's Mobutu in Switzerland, where he Kinshasa is rife with rumours that chances of winning.

rediscovered respect stands in stark contrast to the official view from Paris in the early 1990s when the staggering corruption, abuse of human rights and lack of democratic reform under his iron rule made the President persona non grata. Before he arrived in the French Riviera last week, he had been permitted to visit his vast Côte d'Azur villa only once, for a

The process of rehabilitating President Mobutu, formerly one of France's closest African allies, began more than two years ago when he allowed French troops to use his country as a base for Operation Turquoise — the French "humanitarian intervention" in Rwanda in June 1994. Last April he was allowed to visit Paris and address an international affairs forum, Now the French have declared that he can stay in France as long as he wants, while quietly pressing him to return

home and exert his authority. Charles Pasqua, the former Interior Minister, and M Chirac's chief aide both paid discreet visits to President grown to "a few weeks"



Mobutu: growing influence

underwent prostate surgery in August, to discuss the crisis and, no doubt, em-phasise French support for his regime. He has given his backing to the. French proposal for a multinational security force in Zaire, but so far has shown few signs of hurrying bome. Last week, his aides were predicting he would fly back in a few days Now the expected departure date has

Whatever his pledges of support for tu is unlikely to stir from the Villa del Mare until or unless a weight contingent of friendly French troops is in place in eastern Zaire. He has offered few details about his precise state of health, and if the Zairean situation worsens officials predict

the President himself gave orders not

to ship heavy weapons to eastern Zaire, allowing Rwandan-backed forces to overrun Zairean troops and thus presenting the Zairean leader

with an opportunity to return in

triumph and demonstrate his contin

ued hold on the country.

time buying "relapse".
For many French Africa-watcher the game is a familiar one in which the President, veteran poker player that he is, holds most cards. Refugees are dying in eastern Zaire as the interna-tional community debates what to do

As he enjoys the warm breezes of the French Riviera, Zaire's leader can recuperate and observe events from a distance, apparently convinced that

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striking medical workers.

Mandela will send help but only with UN support

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

was within their capabilities. On the question of whether

he should use his internation-

al stature to help in solving

problems. Mr Mandela spoke

about the diplomatic manoeu-

vres over Nigeria and his

exhaustive, yet fruitless, efforts to push its military regime towards democracy.

He suggested that only coun-

tries with considerable eco-

nomic muscle, such as Britain

and the United States, could

influence policies in countries

such as Nigeria. "Even if I

have any moral authority,

moral authority does not solve

world problems. he said. Mr

A PEACEKEEPING role for South African troops in Zaire has been ruled out by President Mandela unless they are part of an international operation backed by the United But the President said in an

nterview with The Times that it was wrong to assume he was refuctant to act on African problems. It was important that action should be taken in a disciplined manner through existing structures and in consultation with other African People should not forget

that I am very new in the position and interacting with leaders who have been handling [the Central African question) from as long ago as when I was in prison," he said. "It would be arrogant for me to want to be used as an individual to put out fires on the continent."

Mr Mandela explained his

resistance to calls from the big powers" to intervene in the context of South Africa's past role in destabilising African countries and of his view that it was best to work through the UN and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). He said the South African defence force and the Department of Foreign Affairs had been asked to draw up plans on ways in which the country could become in-



charm closking an iron will. The trademark colourful, unived in eastern Zaire and he guaranteed that he would loose-fitting shirt and sunny agree to a request for help from the UN and OAU if it smile lend a youthful air, but

at 78 he admits age is catching Two and a half years after he was sworn in, the cuphoria has evaporated and his Government's record is under fire. Outwardly the man who is a symbol of hope to millions across the world appears at ease, but there is a palpable sense of frustration, even hurt, over criticism of his Government at home and abroad.

Slow delivery of socio-economic development, endemic crime and the slow pace of foreign investment are targets of criticism. The falling rand and squabbles within the African National Congress have lately filled the headlines. In turn, Mr Mandela has raised eyebrows by hitting out at critical journalists and mem-

bers of his party. Mr Mandela, passionately defended efforts at national reconciliation. Asked about triticism by black commenta-tors that he spends too much time worrying about the con-cerns of whites, he denounced "superficial" black journalists who had failed to grasp that white skills and money benefited the country and that the alternatives were grim.

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Summit in Rome on Sunday,

but was still in Harare yester-

Strike call clashes delay Mugabe

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

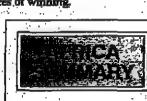
PRESIDENT MUGABE further delayed a trip to Italy yesterday as Zimbabwean riotpolice broke up a planned protest march by trade unions, human rights groups and churches in support of

About 50 police pounced without warning on 200 people who had gathered at the Harare magistrates' court building in preparation for a march into the city centre, firing teargas and beating

for a two-day general strike by the unions. Among those arrested was Morgan Tsvan- day, and no explanation was siral secretary-general of the offered by officials. Also yes-Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions. He was released later, without charges, and ar-nounced that union leaders had called a nationwide strike to protest against the Government's uncompromising handling of a stoppage by state health staff that has paralysed the capital's main hospitals for

terday, Michael Nowak, the International Monetary Fund divisional chief for Southern Africa, said Zimbabwe had failed to qualify for lending because its budget deficit was "simply too high" as a result of

excessive state spending. He indicated the bank's displeasure; with President ree weeks. Mugabe, who last month Mr Mugabe was due to called the institution a



University shut after poll riots

Lusaka: The University of Zambia was closed indefinitely yesterday after the police used teargas and batons to disperse hundreds of students rioting about next Monday's parliamentary and presidential elections.

A student leader was reported under arrest and several were injured in clashes when a planned march on President Chiluba's official residence was stopped. (AP)

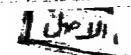
Mayors held over genocide

Nairobi: Belgium has detained and transferred wo former Rwandan Mayors to the United Nations detention facility in Arusha, northern Tanzania. Eli Ndayambaje and Joseph Kanyabashi are wanted by the international tribunal that is hunting the organisers of Rwanda's 1994 genocide. (Reuter)

Dead popular

Port Elizabeth: George Sogcwe, 65, an Eastern Cape man, staged a mock funeral, with himself in a coffin, to test his popularily. "I wanted to know what" people would say about rise when I am dead," he said. expressing himself happy With the result (AFP)





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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12 1996

BAe wins £1bn Australian Hawk trainers contract

BY OUVER AUGUST

BRITISH AEROSPACE, the defence manufacturer, has won a £1 billion contract to supply the Australian air force with Hawk training

Selection of the Hawk over Italian and American competitors was clinched on the basis of BAe building new production facilities in

Only the first 12 Hawks out of an order of 40 will be manufactured at BAe workshops in Britain, boosting job security for thousands of highly-

ing. A spokesman for BAe, said even. though the licensed production. abroad created no new jobs in Britain, the order had strengthened the defence manufacturing com-

munity in the North West.

He said: "We are growing very strongly in Australia at the sharp end of our business. In fact, we have 43 years of history in Australia. The first 12 planes are being built in the UK because the Australians want them quickly."

Ian McLachlan, the Australian

skilled technicians in Wharton, Defence Minister, said: "British Lancashire, and Brough. East Rid-". Aerospace's bid was selected after detailed evaluation across a wide range of areas, including aircraft design and performance, costs and Australian industry involvement

> During the bidding process, BAe committed itself to limiting the British production run to 12 aircraft. After their delivery, production will be shifted to Williamtown air force base in Newcastle, Australia, where the fleet will be maintained.

> The Hawks, a variant of the standard Hawk 100 model, will replace

elderly Italian aircraft for introductory training of combat jet pilots. Hawks are fitted with Rolls-Royce engines, which will be assembled and maintained by Qantas Airways in Australia. Production of the Australian Hawk aircraft will begin in early 1997 with handover of the first aircraft by mid-1999.

Australia's selection of the Hawk takes the number of countries that have ordered the aircraft to 15. It is said to be the most successful training aircraft in the world with more than 700 built or on order. BAe and the Australian Government remained silent on the price for the 40 aircraft, but industry insiders said total costs would rise to £1 billion over the 25-year life of the project. This would involve a variety of costs such as setting up production in Australia.

The concept of producing BAe aircraft abroad under licensing agreements was pioneered with the building of BAe's Harrier aircraft by McDonnell Douglas in America.

In the tender for the Australian training jet, however, McDonnell Douglas was competing with BAe. offering a US Navy version of the Hawk. But its offer was eliminated in September.

BAe's only other competitor was Italy's Aeracchi, which had offered its MB.399FD trainer. BAe's selection is subject to the negotiation of the final contract.

The Australian defence department has previously said that up to 40 aircraft would be needed, but it will leave it to the successful tenderer to decide how many aircraft would be required to fulfil the training schedules.

BAe's shares yesterday closed unchanged at £11.49.

Labour toughens inflation

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By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR yesterday toughened up its anti-inflation policy, insisting that in government it would be able to meet a 2.5 per cent inflation target in the medium term. unlike the Conservatives.

While Labour set no lower target than the current Government's. Labour leaders inthat a future Labour Government would be "tougher on inflation than the Tories."

Labour signalled its latest policy statement on inflation. in a speech by Gordon Brown. Shadow Chancellor, to business leaders. Insisting that in government, Labour would. have "a target for low and stable inflation." Mr Brown said: "We will not be satisfied with simply talking as tough as the Tories. For unlike the Government, we plan to deliver on our inflation target. We will want our inflation performance to match that of our

competitors in Europe." In a speech to the Confeder-

Major's warning. Judgment day

ation of British Industry's annual conference in Harrotate, Mr Brown said that inflation undermined business success, created instability, harmed investment, and took years to rectify. Labour pointed out that underlying inflation is corrently 29 per cent, and that over the past four years, the 25 per cent target figure had only been hit in eight months.

Mr Brown insisted that with greater stability and more consistent and credible monetary policy institutions, "never again should interest rate decisions affecting the long term appear to be manipulated for short-term party political ends.

Today's CBI conference will debate economic and monetary union and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, is among the key speakers at the conference. Britain's business leaders were urged by trade unions to

approach to the Government after the general election. Ignoring contentious areas of difference, the unions set out an agenda for a "new form of partnership" between business and the unions which rejected both industrial conflict and previous, over-for-

employees working together. Business leaders immediately welcomed the call from John Monks, the TUC Generai Secretary, to set out areas of agreement, though they held back from agreeing to a postelection common approach to the Government.

However, the CBI and the

TUC yesterday launched a new joint set of performance measures aimed at improving employee relations in Britain. In the first-ever speech by a TUC General Secretary to a CBI annual conference, Mr Monks said there were issues such as a minimum wage, union representation and the EU social chapter on which business and the unions were not in agreement. But he said: "What I would ask is: can we not find more common ground? Would not a common approach from the CBI and the TUC produce a positive response from whoever forms the next Government?"

He laid out seven specific areas which could form the core of such a common approach. A commitment to sound and balanced macroeconomic policy, including low inflation and low unemplayment; a recognition of the challenge of competitiveness: an acknowledgement of Britain's place as an integral part of the EU; a priority to education and training; a rejection of moves to scrap the Training and Enterprise Councils; the need for a well-developed infrastructure: and an acceptance of the importance of

Adair Turner, CBI Director General, said: "We broadly agree with the seven key policy issues raised by Mr Monks" and accepted it was a good idea to emphasise points of agreement rather than



Francis Baron promoting holidays, helped by models Paula Hamilton, left, and Kathy Lloyd

Deposed chief of First Choice qualifies for £640,000 payoff

FIRST CHOICE Holidays will pay 5640,000 in compensation to Francis Baron, the chief executive deposed in a boardroom coup at the week-end. According to company sources. Mr Baron's contract includes a "liquidated damages" clause entitling him to

two years' salary. Mr Baron, 50, joined First Choice three years ago when it was still Owners Abroad. Since then, the company's shares have underperformed the FT All-Share index by nearly 45 per cent.

Mr Baron's departure may to cut its dividend payment. It is understood that Mr Baron strongly opposed a cut because of the assurances the company gave to shareholders at the time of last year's £44 million rights issue. The company's newer directors - including Peter Long, promoted yesterday to chief executive are said to feel less committed to maintaining the dividend. In a statement to the Stock Exchange, First Choice said that Mr Baron was asked to leave after a breakdown in his working relationship with executive colleagues. Mr Baron's fellow directors became un-

happy at his autocratic management style, and his reluctance to involve them in decision-making. it was suggested that pressure for his removal was led by the directors who have joined the company in the last year - David Gill, finance director. Ken Smith, managing director of the Air 2000 charter airline, and Mr Long. who joined last month as managing director of the company's UK tour operating division. Mr Long was the founder of Sunworld Holidays, the four operator sold to Thomas Cook, the travel

agent, for £38 million in July. Michael Julien, chairman of First Choice, thanked Mr Baron for his work on rebranding the company to drop some of its weaker brands. Although First Choice has given about a tougher-than-expected summer. Mr Julien said that booking levels for next year looked encouraging. After the warning in July, some analysts forecast that First Choice would only make about £10. million in the year just ended. This would leave the dividend

payment uncovered. Mr Baron, who previously worked for WH Smith, said that he had helped First Choice to create "one of the best brand franchises in the UK travel industry", and he was leaving the company in the best of shape.

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Duty free

BAA, the airports group. plans to double the size of its duty-free retailing business over the next five years. The group, which vesterday revealed a slowdown in passenger growth at Heathrow during October, has launched a new subsidiary called, World Duty Free, aimed at laking a larger share of the \$21 billion worldwide market in tax-free sales to airline travellers. Page 29. Tempus 30

Emap plans

Emap. the media group. has no plans to replace two rebel non-executive directors, Joe Cooke and Professor Ken Simmonds. Emap is asking shareholders to vote them off the board at next month's extraordinary general meeting. Page 32

Cost of oil lifts output prices

By Alasdair Murray

A SURGE in the cost of oil helped to push factory gate prices higher in October — although underlying output prices remained relatively subdued, suggesting that there is little immediate threat of inflation feeding through to the shops.

Separate figures published yester-day by the British Retail Consortium (BRC) show that although high street sales remain strong, growth seems to be levelling off.

The two sets of figures are likely to cheer Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who is under increasing pressure from the Bank of England and the City to make further interest rate increases. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, vesterday said - before the release of the data — that a further rise would probably be needed if the Government is to reach its 25 per cent inflation target. Output prices increased 0.2 per

cent in October, according to data

supplied by the Office for National Statistics, taking the annual rate to 2.3 per cent, compared with 2.2 per cent in September.

However, the core measure of factory gate price inflation, which excludes food, beverages, tobacco and petroleum, remained flat, at 0.9 per cent - its lowest level for 30 years. Economists said that the rise in oil

Anatole Kaletsky ...

prices, which have jumped 44 per cent over the past year, was the main cause of the rise in output prices. input prices, which reflect the cost of raw materials for manufacturers, rose 0.5 per cent compared with September — although the annual rate fell 2 per cent.

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist with HSBC, said: "Much of the oil increase is being absorbed by the producers themselves, and other cost pressures remain extremely subdued." Analysts added that the recent rise in sterling is also expected to keep prices under control.

The BRC monitor of high street sales showed an annual rise of 5.9 per cent in October, compared with 5.2 per cent in September. However. the BRC said that October's rise was in line with the three-month average from August to October of 6 per cent.

Andrew Sentance, chief economic adviser to the BRC, said: "The rate of increase is steady, rather than accelerating. There is little evidence in these numbers of the runaway consumer boom being conjured up by some commentators." Clothes and furniture had especial-

ly strong sales in October. Footwear sales rose after a dip in September. However, the BRC said the market overall was still very competitive.

Barclays employee sues for breach of contract

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A BARCLAYS executive is suing the bank for substantial damages for alleged breach of contract over a property bridging loan in a case that. if successful, could open the door to a further 39 similar claims from Barclays employees.

Robert French, an incentives and office manager at Barclays who was formerly an investment services manager, claims the bank broke its contract with him after he was instructed to move jobs from Oxford to East London in early 1989. Mr French, whose case before Judge Barnett in the High Court in London is backed by Unifi, the Barelays staff union, was given an interest-free bridging loan to help him to move house.

When the property market crashed. Mr French, who is represented by Stafford Young Jones, the law firm.

was unable to sell his Oxfordshire home. The union claims that Barclays threatened to charge interest on the loan unless Mr French agreed to sellthe property to the bank's agent at its then market value. This was £40,000 less than the loan and valuation agreed with Barloays, according to Unifi. The union added that Mr. French's mortgage on his new property in Billericay. Essex, together with the interest, would have been greater than his salary.

Mr French subsequently soid his Oxfordshire home to the bank's agent and, it was claimed, he was left with borrowings he could not sustain and Barclays now owned a share of his home.

Barelays Bank said it was contesting Mr French's allegations "vigorously". The case continues.

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Heseltine speech fails to spark business leaders

Ry PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE GOVERNMENT made a clear appeal for the support of British business yesterday when Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, proclaimed the mutual achievement of business and the Conservatives in creating "unequalled" economic prospects

But despite the vigour of Mr Heseltine's case for the UK's revitalised economic performance, business leaders at the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference judged he had not succeeded in winning them over.

Mr Heseltine used his keynote speech to the CBI's conference in Harrogate to detail what he said was Britain's "phenomenal progress" dur-

ICI was criticised for replac-

ing long-term aims by short-

ence attacks on short-sighted

corporate governance.

John Kay, chairman of

London Economics, said that

ICI had shifted its objectives

radically from 1988, when its

annual report had declared

that its aim was to be "the

world's leading chemical

company, serving customers

internationally through the innovative and responsible

application of chemistry and

ration added: "Through

achievement of our aim, we

will enhance the wealth and

well-being of our sharehold-

ers, our employees, our cus-

tomers and the communities

Professor Kay said that,

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ing the Conservative's period of office to arrest the UK's relative economic decline. He cited low inflation. low

taxes, low interest rates, falling unemployment, 750,000 more people in work, one new small firms, a slashed strike record, increased output, higher efficiency and high levels of inward nies. He told the conference: "When I stand back and survey the industrial and commercial Britain of today, I marvel at the

in a clear call for continuing business support as Labour leaders arrived at the CBI conference to press home their

changed to: "Our objective is

to maximise value for our

shareholders by focusing on

businesses where we have

market leadership, a techno-logical edge and a world competitive cost base."

Such devotion to market

triggers could undermine

the market system rather

than underpin it, he said.

Sir David Barnes, Zeneca chief executive, told the con-

ference that some companies

were over-zealous in dividend policy, and that some

"may feel they have to pay a

dividend that is overly high".

He also said there was a need for flexibility to recog-

nise that businesses varied

Alastair Ross Goobey.

head of Hermes Pensions

Management, said short-

term rewards could cloud

in size and maturity.

ICI criticised for

changing its aims

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

new Labour, Mr Heseltine emphasised the mutual independence of business and the Conservatives.

He said: "We in Government could not have done it without you - but you could not have done it without us." He said the result of 117 years of determined endevour is that we now have prospects un-equalled in my lifetime."

Insisting that the Govern-ment "had the guts to make it happen", he coupled his claims for Britain's economic success with a strong attack on Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities.

He denied Labour's claims that utility companies had stockpiled £5 billion in cash to meet the cost of the windfall tax levied by a future Labour Government, He said: "I don't believe companies stack up cash on that scale as though they had no use for it. That cash — that tax — means lower investment, higher prices, or both." The tax, he said, was a proposed levy on all 8 million shareholders in gas, water

and electricity.
Sir Colin Marshall. CBl president, welcomed Mr Heseltine's address as a clear illustration of Britain's economic successes. But most business leaders were sceptical. One trade association head said: "It was a speech looking for a theme," while another said: "It was just a long list of claims — like a bad Department of Trade and Industry press release.

Another said: "We see Heseltine at the Conservative conference or in Commons shooting out sparks. But when he comes here, he delivers a 'business' speech and that just disappoints everyone."

A leading private sector company said: Benchmarking, business initiatives and listing the Government's achievements are all very well. But with Labour pushing hard needs to do better than this."



Bill Gates, addressing CBI delegates on a giant video screen, described the Internet as the world's biggest marketplace

Gates sings Internet's praises

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE STREAM of information into homes and businesses will soon be thought of as essential as basic utilities. Bill Gates, the head of Microsoft, told the CBI yesterday.

Gates said that sophisticated banks of information "will almost be like we think of

THE poor state of training for

employment was yesterday blamed by business leaders

for making young people virtually unemployable

and education's ability to

form a good basis for working

needs recurred throughout

the conference, ranging from

(Christine Buckley writes).

He told business leaders that the changes wrought by the information society mark the biggest changes for commerce "than anything we've seen in the last 30 or 40 years". The head of the world's

with opportunities offered by

Careskills, said that some 16-

year-olds were coming out of

school virtually unemploy-able". Dominic Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and chairman of the CB1's education and train-

ing affairs committee, said

Brian Shenton, head of

technological advances.

biggest computer software company said that the Internet, the global network of computers, represented the most radical change in mar-

keting and sales opportunities. He said that business had been used to limiting its markets geographically and defining its markets by limits, but the Internet is now able to redefine those boundaries. He said: "It is the world's biggest marketplace."

Mr Gates's call for business to be aware of the march of

also bemoaned the fact that

very few companies qualified.

standard, the government mi-

training should be a key part

of a joint approach from the

good industrial relations.

Telecom, said the competitive-ness of business hinged on effective management of the information technology. Sir Peter said such rationale lay behind BT's proposed merger with MCI of the US.

We have to face up to the most significant and fareaching transformation in 'Untrained and unemployable'

human society strice the indus-trial revolution." he said.

John Goulding, chairman and managing director of Hewlett Packard, told a depleted audience that competitiveness in business was "all a matter of getting to the future first". He added: "Business survival depends on the ability tiative to promote training.

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, said that to respond to market demands and trends, to receive and impart information, to price goods and services correctly . to manage information."

other global communications

groups. Sir Peter Bonfield.

chief executive of British

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☐ Alastair Ross Goober (chief executive of Hermes Pensions Management or stakeholder guru John Kay's "changed percap-tions" about his theory "There is no doubt the John has undergone in Damascene conversion The question is whether the

Chris Patten (Governo of Hong Kong), jokingh opening a post-CB pulsory, but if anybod has any I will do my best to And Mr Patten on th Deputy Prime Minister "Mr Heseitine has years ovigour and oratory shea of him, as well as years opeing one of the greates who realists of our times.

"corporate governmence like an elastic band though he said it we "currently stretched to the corporation; but capable of being tightened too muc and restricting activity".

Str. Colin Merchail (B chairman and CBI Pres dent), referring to the opening CBI dinner a which Richard Lamber Francial Times edito spoke and a conjuror per formed tricks: "I don know whose idea it was I put a newspaper editor and an illusionist on the same bill — but it seems to go down pretty well wit the politiciens."

Gordon Brown, Labour Ligordon Brown, Labour Shadow Chancelor, o Labour as the party business: "I want — and it my hope for the tuture — my party, and, indeed a political parties, to be see as pro-business parties."

PHILIP BASSET

Fidelity chief is replaced

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE head of Fidelity Brokesage, the UK retail stockbrok-ing arm of the world's largest fund manager, has been re-placed less than two weeks after a City watchdog made it cease recruiting new clients.

Fidelity Brokerage said that David Plucinsky. 47. is taking a special assignment and is succeeded by Kenneth Rathgeber, who becomes acting president while "operational difficulties" with a new compuler system are overcome.

The Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog for brokers, last month told Fidelity Brokerage to stop signing up clients until January, after the firm failed to resolve operational difficulties resulting from converting to a new computer system and increased volume of business" Some clients have already been compensated for loss of interest after items were not credited to accounts on time.

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tions to an inability to keep up because there was so little Lang sets out 2020 vision of global free trade market

IAN LANG. President of the Board of Trade, yesterday held up the creation of global free trade as Britain's mission for the year 2020.

in a controversial new White Paper he states that the free flow of trade and investment, unhindered by quotas. tariffs or technical barriers, is vital for world economic growth and would strengthen Britain's trade and investment efforts. Mr Lang said: "This White Paper is a plan of action to achieve free trade that we hope all countries of the world will support."

The Government will press for the start of comprehensive multilateral pegotiations to achieve global free trade, at next month's World Trade

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gapore. Mr Lang said: "We now see an opportunity for spreading the open markets message on a truly global scale. The Government has a target of global free trade by 2020 - our 2020 vision."

While the issue of free trade in itself is uncontroversial. Mr Lang was embarrassed by comments on the White Paper made by the Prime Minister. A leaked letter from John Major's private secretary to the Foreign Office said: The Prime Minister noted there is not much of the paper which can be seen as identifiably new and that distilling from it a convincing action plan may not be east Labour derided the White

As a first step towards greater trade awareness. Mr Lang proposed new links between the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry, which already run the Government's export services. Now the Invest in Britain Bureau will be handled in the same way, with the export services of the two departs

ments banded together. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, commented yesterday: "We derive huge benefits from foreign investment here, our investments overseas and our world-beating financial services industry. The world will be richer if others follow



Bryan Bedson, chief executive, reported higher profits

Deutsche Telekom float swells

By ERIC REGULY

DEUTSCHETELEKOM is to boost the size of its initial public offering by 20 per cent because of strong demand for the shares from domestic and international investors. The state-owned German

phone company will now sell 600 million shares, up from 500 million, raising the total proceeds by about DM3 billion to around DMIS billion. The extra shares will make the Deutsche Telekom sale the largest equity offering in

European history. The previ-ous record was held by British Petroleum, which sold shares worth £7.2 billion in 1987.

Deutsche Telekom's underwriters recommended an enlarged offer because the issue is more than four times oversubscribed. The high demand means that the shares are to be sold at the upper end of their indicated range of DM25 to DM30. The price will be set on Saturday and announced the next day, with share dealings

to begin on Monday. Bankers said that UK investors will probably buy between 8 and 12 per cent of the issue. Private investors in the UK must hold a German bank account.

☐ The French Government yesterday said that it expects to raise FrZ5 billion (about \$4.9 billion) from next spring's privarisation of France Telecom. Banque Nationale de Paris and Banque Paribas have been appointed as the floration's global co-ordinators.

Wyndeham to seek new deals

WYNDEHAM Press Group, the fast-growing printing com-pany, said it was seeking furth-er acquisitions to develop its product range (Martin Barrow writes). The company this year paid £12.3 million for ET Heron, a web-offset printing company that specialises in longrun magazine and brochur production. Yesterday Wynde-ham reported pre-tax profits of £3.5 million (£1.97 million) in the haif year to September 30. An interim dividend of 1.9p a share (1.6p) will be paid from carnings of 74p (5.5p).

United News sells titles in Wales

UNITED News & Media, the newspaper, television an financial services group, has sold its regional newspapers i Wales to Southern Newspapers for E31.5 million. The division, whose titles include the South Wales Argu reported operating profits last year of £1.1 million on turnover.

United also said that it is in discussions to sell its tirles i the South East. It will use the proceeds from the Welsh sale t reduce debt and help to fund acquisitions. Last month Unite launched an offer for Blenheim, the exhibitions company and is thought to be in talks to buy Westcountry Television the ITV company in Cornwall and Devon.

Dell delivers jobs boost

DELL, the American computer group, has announced plant to double its workforce in the Republic of Ireland with some Ireland million of investment in its Limerick plant. The company plans to recruit a further 750 people over the nex three years to bring its Irish workforce up to 1,400. Later thi week, the Industrial Development Board, the Republic's joint creation agency, is expected to announce the establishment of a new plant in Dublin by another big electronics company. It is believed that the plant will create up to 500 jobs.

DCC buys Merits stake

OCC, the industrial holding company based in the Republic of Ireland, has bought a 45 per cent stake in Merits Health Products Company, based in Taiwan, for a little more than \$45 per cent stake in Merits Health Products Company. million. Merits manufactures mobility and rehabilization products such as wheelchairs. DCC said \$3.34 million of the price will be paid into the company in respect of new shares with \$0.8 million going to existing shareholders. DCC, which reports interim results today, has also acquired Mitchell & Son, the Dublin wine merchants, for about 1r£555,000.

Celebrated Group up

THE Celebrated Group, the restaurant and diner operator that joined the Alternative Investment Market one year ago, enjoyed a rise in pre-tax profits to £570,000 from £211,000. The boost came from an extraordinary profit of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of the first profits of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of the first profits of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of the first profits of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of the first profits of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of £412,000 on the sake of a batal management of £412,000 on the sake of £4 of a hotel management contract and of £82,000 on the sale of a restaurant. These were countered by a write-off of £78,000 on the cost of the hotel investment and reorganisation costs of £33,000. Earnings rose to 1.33p a share from 0.95p. There is a maiden interim dividend of 0.16p, due on January 8.

Colonial Mutual set to convert

By CAROLINE MERREUL

THE demutualisation of Colonial Mutual, the life insurer based in Australia, looks almost certain to go ahead after yesterday's meeting in London to vote on conversion proposals.

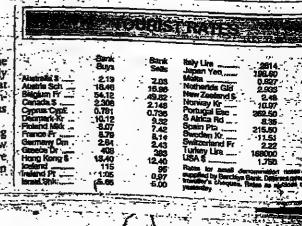
The life insurer has 570,000 members worldwide, with 270,000 based in the UK. Colonial Mutual proposes to float on the Australian stock exchange

with a market capitalisation of about £640 million. Shares worth between £285 and £14,000 will be allocated to policyholders.

The number of shares each member will receive will depend on the number of policies they have, the number of years they have been with the insurer and the amount they have invested. On average, each member will receive shares worth

proposals was attended by approximately 500 policyholders. They were told that Colonial Mutual was considering whether to opt for a UK stock market quote as

The company is introducing a clearing system in the UK which will allow policyholders to sell their shares more, easily immediately after the conversion



☐ Baron shoulders the blame ☐ Mystery of revived Eurotunnel probe ☐ Hard times for number crunchers

PERHAPS they simply tired of looking at that moustache across the boardroom table. But the sacking of Francis Baron from First Choice Holidays was notable for its suddenness and brutality, for all that the company was suggesting it had been looming for some while.

None of this "leaving to pursue other interests. No one could stand the man so they ganged up to throw him out, it seems, before damage was done to the business. He got a token "major contribution to the group over the past three years". He also got £640,000, and there will doubtless be some bad-tempered sniping about the rewards of failure, given the poor performance of the First Choice share price.

All this ex post facto character assassination is all very well, but somebody hired Mr Baron in October 1993, and those flaws have therefore taken a strangely long time to be noticed. That someone was Michael Julien, brought in as chairman after the company nearly collapsed and the previous management got

The holiday market has been difficult since but First Choice has survived, not least because of Mr Baron's efforts. He was brought in on a two-year rolling salary because this was all that he would contemplate. The job was that risky. One-year rollers

Brutal Choice, but lucrative

were granted to the other executive directors for the same reason by the remuneration committee, chaired by one Michael Julien, and they remain in place. The decision to pay Mr Baron two thirds of a million pounds is not an act of generosity, therefore, but the award of his full contractual entitlement.

Mr Baron went for two reasons. He was brought in from outside the holiday industry to drown kittens, cutting the workforce by 260 jobs and reducing the brands from 16 to three. Going forward, such ruthlessness was no longer needed. He had difficulty in delegating. Two senior executives have quit in the past year, amd their replacements have had problems find-

ing a proper role. But of more significance is the dividend. This must be cut out of endangering the financial ratios that UK regulatory authorities require of travel firms. First Choice needs to make £17 million pre-tax to cover this year's payments, and will not. It would even be tight next year. The

by the rumoured \$100 million sale of the Canadian holiday business, but this would leave the company as a British summer operator again, with no balancing winter income stream.

Better to cut the payout in January—especially if accompa-nied by a bright and breezy account of next summer's bookings, and the omens so far are favourable. There is effectively a new management team in, and so a lower payment can be blamed, in time-honoured City fashion, on the old one. Fair it ain't, but Mr Baron has that £640,000 to cushion him from the unfairness of it all.

A little French window dressing

DESPITE the unexpected revival of the Eurotunnel insider trading saga at the weekend and the involvement of the Serious Fraud Office, the chances of any senior bankers this side of La Manche having their collars feit look fairly slender.

The affair dates back to the May 1994 rights issue, Euro-



ercises have, admittedly, tended to blur into one another over the years. This was the last until the. ahem, final refinancing hammered out with the banks this autumn that gave them most of the company in return for a balance sheet that leaves open the faint possibility of eventual dividend payments

By the start of 1994 Eurotunnel was fast going bust yet again, and another rights issue became inevitable. A number of banks, including those heavily involved in talks leading to the rights issue, took the view that the shares would have to fall as a result. This was not a difficult conclusion to draw, as the negotiations between the company and the City, were being con-ducted, as ever with Europunnel.

The banks broking arms

therefore went short on the shares, anticipating a profit. The two questions are the extent to which this was just to cover the risk of becoming involved in yet another rights, and how much the brokers actions were influenced by events on the other side of the Chinese Wall. The answers are respectively and entirely and who can tell? Naughty, but worse things have happened, and anyway, the real action was in Paris where most Europunnel shares are traded. Last summer our own Stock Exchange had a look and decided there was no serious criminal case to bring. The Commissione des Operations de Bourse, the Paris market regu-

lator, appeared to take the same view at that time. So why have the allegations suddenly re-emerged? The sus-picton has to be to placate the mob of angry French Eurotunnel investors who have been in recalcitrant mood since the refinancing revealed the extent of

their losses. Our SFO is required to give aid to any new French investigations, however artificial

Accounting for a declining profession

DOF all the endangered species we are expected to feel sorry for the least worthy might seem to be the accountages. But a study itenductor by the Institute of Charlefreed accountants suggests some breeds of a species chiefly distinguished by its drab plumage and high enaming power may be entired within a decade.

The ICA is looking at the life cycle of the average accountant in the year 2006. Chief among its conclusions is that there will be rather fewer practices around.

rather fewer practices around, the Big Six becoming the Big Pour, for example. The medium ized businesses will be the worst hit, while the smaller niche players may at least have some chance of survival.

It all sounds remarkably like the securities industry over the past decade, or merchant bank-ing for that matter. The better

parallel, perhaps, is the law. The latest survey by the Law Society found that among high street solicitors, a quarter made profits of £30,000 or less per partner, before their operating expenses. Consumer pressure to cut fees, along with the need to invest in expensive new technology, has made for a very straitened

The reason for the coming cull of the accountants is again new technology, taking on more and more routine audit work hitherto carried out by cost-effective jumors. This may raise a wry smile across a swattle of demanned British industry, but the same principles apply to white and striped collars as to blue ones. The real problem, in both cases, is that there are simply too many accountants and lawyers being turned out because both professions have always been seen as a meal ticket for life. Supply is rising, while demand is falling for the above reasons—and will fall further.

The trick, for school-leavers looking for a lucrative career option, is to work out which disciplines will be in short supply in a couple of decades, in which case engineering might seem a good counter-cyclical punt. For accountants, like solicnors, a poorer and shabbler future beckons. Now, about those estate agents . . .

BAA plans to land bigger share of duty-free market

BAA plans to double the size of its duty-free retailing business over the next five years. The airports group, which yesterday revealed a slowdown in passenger growth at Heath-row in October, has launched a new subsidiary, World Duty Free, aimed at taking a larger share of the \$21 billion worldwide market in tax-free sales to travellers.

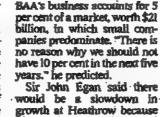
BAA said the business would expand through acquisitions and joint ventures and duty-free shops in its airports. The shops are currently man-

aged by Swissair. Duty- and tax-free sales grew per cent to £126 million in the balf year to September 30 more than half BAA's retailing income of £224 million. The airports group reported a 3.4 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profit to £304 million. Underlying profits growth, after adjusting for property disposals and rephasing of

would next year take over the airport charges, rose 10.5 per cent to £315 million.

Barry Gibson, BAA's retail director, said the loss of intra-European duty and tax-free retailing would not hurt the plans for World Duty Free. He said that intra-European sales accounted for 40 per cent of the business, which would be worth £200 million in 1999, when the EU is expected to abolish duty-free retailing within its borders.

Mr Gibson explained that



of capacity constraints until the new terminal was built. Traffic at BAA's airports grew 3.3 per cent in the six months to October, with most of the growth recorded at Stansted and Edinburgh. Heathrow was almost flat, with passenger numbers rising only 1.2 per cent, in part over the Gatwick. Some 600,000 passengers were lost to Eurostar.

Total spending per passenger at Heathrow grew 7 per cent in the half year to £4.20, but per international passenger rose 8.6 per cent to £10.34, figure accounted for by dutyand tax-free shops. However, Russell Walls, finance director, said that less than 50 p cent of the passengers spend anything in the airports.

Sir John Egan countered uggestions that BAA will be proposed by the Labour Party. He said: "I don't think we will be included in a windfall tax. It is difficult to see how such a business could afford to pay more." Sir John pointed to BAA's negative cashflow and

high capital expenditure. BAA is paying an interim dividend of 4.5p per share, up 9.1 per cent on the previous year, after earnings of 22.2p

Invesco to raise £119m for US deal

INVESCO. the London list neut house, is to raise £119 million in a rights issue to part-fund its El billion deal to buy AIM, America's 13th-largest mutual fund manager (Robert Miller

To raise the purchase price for AIM, which has £35 billion of assets, Invesco yesterday unveiled details of a one-for-five rights issue. The remainder of the price will come from the issue to AIM shareholders of 290 million new ordinary Invesco shares, at an approximate value of £690 million, and mow debt.

The balance of the rights issue has been underwritten by Cazenove, the lead adviser to Invesco, and SBC Warburg, part of Swiss Bank Corporation.

Sterling rise threatens jobs at British Steel

THE recent strength of the pound is likely to lead to-further job losses at British Steel, the company's chairman gave warning yesterday, Sir Brian Moffat said that

the rise in sterling against the mark has made British Steel's products more expensive for its European customers, and has made it easier for the European steel companies to undercut it.

But he was determined to maintain British Steel's competitive position, and was prepared to take the necessary action against costs. Sir Brian We are not talking about closures, but we are talking about further improvements in productivity. That will impact on employment." 43,000 in the UK, would not be

drawn on the scale of possible

job losses. The effect of the

strong pound is difficult to assess because it will also hit other British exporters that are the company's customers. Sir Brian also announced a slump in half-year profits; Falling prices, caused by cus-Sir Brian said the Jindal project, which will include an tomers running down stocks

nental Europe, led pre-tax profits to tumble from £550 million to £262 million. Stainless steel prices were hit worst, falling by around 45 per cent. This caused operating profits at Avesta Sheffield. the 51 per cent-owned stainless steel business, to collapse from

and weak demand in conti-

£98 million to £2 million. Sir Brian said that he was cautiously optimistic about steel prices in the first half of pert year. Prices are rising in stairliess, structural and coated steels. British Steel also announced a £29 million in-

vestment in a joint venture in

India with Jindal Iron & Steel Co. Although the initial venture is "relatively modest", the company hopes it will lead to a more significant move into the Asian and Pacific markets.

organic coating line with a capacity of 125,000 tonnes per annum, had scope for expansion. The plant should be operational by the end of 1998. The Indian investment is a small part of a £430 million programme of capital spending planned this year. In the first half, the biggest spend was the £43m invested in steelmaking facilities at Tuscaloo-

first steel two months altead of schedule last month. The company is maintain-ing its interim dividend at 3p a

share, due on January 13.

sa Steel Corporation in the

US. The plant produced its



Sir John Egan, front, and Barry Gibson toast the launch of World Duty Free yesterday

its momentum, fierce competi-

tion had cut operating mar-gins from 11.3 per cent to 5.7

per cent. This offset gains in both unit sales and the aver-

age house selling price, which

stood at £39,300 against

The rate of construction

outpaced the growth of its

land bank, whose reserves fell

from 4,750 to 4,400 plots. The

company gave warning that.

depending on the success of land purchases, its borrow-

ings would increase by the

year end as the land bank was

£77.200 last time.

Prowting 'misses'

housing recovery

By Fraser Nelson

PROWTING, the house-

builder, showed few signs

vesterday of benefiting from

recovery in its sector as it returned profits almost half

the level it achieved last time.

in turnover, to £59.2 million.

pre-tax profits fell to £2.22 million (£4.12 million) in the

six months to August 31. Earnings fell to 1.6p a share

(3.3p), but the interim divi-

dend was held at 1.9p, due

Terry Roydon, chief execu-

Kier staff to share flotation bonanza

BY FRASER NELSON

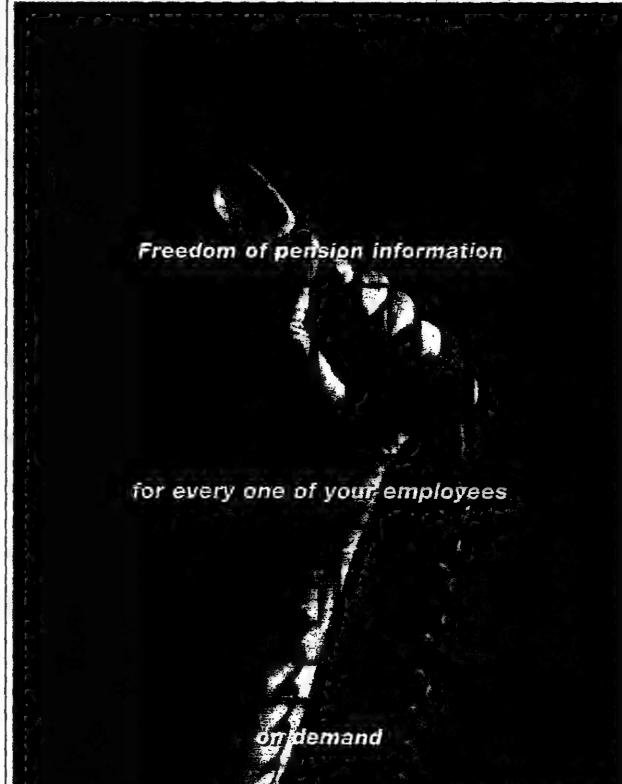
KIER GROUP, Britain's largest unquoted construction company, is to join the stock market next month in a flotation that will provide a £4.4 ployee shareholders.

The company, almost entire-ly owned by its employees, is expected to be valued at £50 million on flotation. Employee shareholders will be allowed to cash in on up to 10 per cent of their stakes, which would bring an average payout of £4,900 each. Board members

man, said that he decided to take the company to market on the back of the recent recovery in the construction sector. "We have a company which did very well in the recession, and is set to do even

better now," he said, Mr Busby, who led the management buyout of Kier from Hanson in 1992, holds a nany. After flotation, this will be worth about El million.

2 per cent stake in the com arranged by NatWest, E5.6 million will be raised to



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restored to former levels. Colin Busby, Kier's chair-Capital Radio enters food chain

By Eric Reguly

CAPITAL RADIO, Britain's largest commercial radio group, made its first nonmedia acquisition yesterday with the £51 million purchase of My Kinda Town, the restaurant company whose international portfolio includes Henry J. Bean's and Beach Blanket Babylon.

Capital Radio said that the purchase reflects its desire to "widen its interests as a media and entertainment group", but some analysts saw little logic in combining radio stations with themed restaurants. One analyst said: "I think they did this as a defensive move. They were afraid of being taken over."

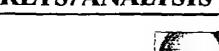
Shareholders were not enthusiastic. Capital Radio shares closed at 577'zp.

down 16p, while My Kinda Town shares finished up 20p. at 187p. Capital Radio is offering 190p for each My Kinda Town ordinary share, which represents a premium of 29 per cent, 100p for each deferred share and 90p for each warrant. A partial share alternative will allow

shareholders to take new Capital Radio shares for about half of their holdings. Directors of My Kinda Town, who own about 13 per cent of the company, have agreed to sell their shares to Capital Radio, even if there is a higher hid.

My Kinda Town, which was floated in 1994, owns or operates 54 restaurants in In countries. Its best-known names in Britain are Henry J. Bean's, the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory and the Salso, Cuba and Havana latin brands. In its last financial year it reported pre-tax profits of £2.6 million on turnover of £31.4 million.

Capital Radio is to open its first Radio Case in London this month. The My Kinda Town deal came as Capital Radio reported pre-tax profits of £32.1 million, up 21 per cent, on turnover of £77.8 million, up 15 per cent, in the year to September 30. Earnings per share were 29.4p, up 23 per cent. A final dividend of 8.5p. to be paid on January 31, makes the total 12.5p, up 22 per cent.



STOCK MARKET



Prospect of interest rate rise restrains investors

TURNOVER slumped to some of the lowest levels of the year as stock market investors continued to ponder on the prospect of another rise in interest rates.

Only a stalwart performance by the bond market and another strong start to trading on Wall Street salvaged the day and enabled London to move into positive territory, After falling more than 14 points first thing, the FT-SE 100 index traded in narrow limits for much of the session before rallying to close just 3.6 up at 3.914.4. Turnover was less than 500 million shares. "It felt more like Christmas Eve than a normal trading session," said one leading broker.

There was no sign of the expected bid for East Midlands Electricity by Dominion Resources. the US group, which last week said it was prepared to offer around 608p a share. But the price of East Midlands rose 10p to 00312p with the City convinced a bid will emerge and that Dominion will be moved to offer in the region of 650p a share.

Allied Domecq remained a weak market, losing 16½ p at 468p ahead of half-year fig-ures today. Brokers say the figures may be accompanied by news of a break-up of the

Vickers retreated 5p to 280p as a protected line of 2.44 million shares were sold in the market at 2765 p. British Aerospace was unchanged at E11.49, after briefly touching Ill.ol on the news that it had won a contract believed to worth £1 billion to supply Hawk trainer jets to Australia.

The resignation of Francis Baron as chief executive after a bust-up with the rest of the board left First Choice, the package holiday group. 12 p easier at 5812 p. The company said there had been a breakdown in the working relation-ship between Mr Baron and his colleagues.

My Kinda Town rebounded 20p to 187p on news of the £51 million bid from Capital the independent broadcaster. But the move to diversify by Capital perplexed the market and left the shares lbp lower at 577 p. Details of the bid emerged as Capital in profits to E27.8 million. It was also accompanied by a 22 per cent rise in the payout to 12.5p. United News & Media. publisher of the Daily Express.



Tim How celebrated a fine AIM debut for Majestic Wine

firmed 2n to 6642 n after the sale of the South Wales Argus regional newspaper business Southern Newspapers for £31.5 million.

Majestic Wine savoured a useful premium in first time trading on the Alternative Investment Market after a placing at 160p, valuing the company at \$20.4 million. The warehouse retailer

of the day with a rise of 122p at 13712 p. Chesterfield Properties

133½ p before closing at its best

surged 4112p to 544p after announcing details of a £21.9 million reverse takeover by Albion Property Investments Robert Maxted, owner of the the privately owned Albion, is to become chief executive of the enlarged Chesterfield. Al-

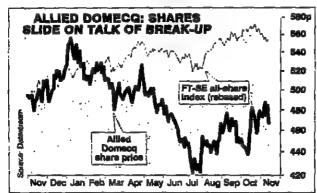
Northern Ireland Electricity rose 15p at 372 pp. stretching its advance during the past two sessions to 35p with not a bidder in sight. It seems that the shares will be admitted to the Irish Stock Exchange Index on January I. Irish institutions have in the meantime been busily increasing their weightings in the shares.

opened at 200p before ending the session at 2042 p. a premium of 144p. John Apthorp. who built up the Bejam chain of frozen food shops, runs the business with Tim How, chief executive.

There was also a positive start to truding in shares of Scottish Highland Hotels with the shares establishing a useful premium. Placed at 125p, the price started life at bion owns 28 properties valued at £110 million. The admission it had re-

ceived a bid approach from its small rival Moorfield, lifted Greycoat Properties 5p to 154p. The offer has been rejected and Moorfield closed unchanged at 30½ p.
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Half-year figures from BAA

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MAID firmed lp to 268p after finally concluding a joint venture with Thorn Business Communications to provide hotel chains in Europe and Africa with an in-room television Internet service.

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Tried in the furnace

BRITISH STEEL has finally made its longpromised move into Asia. Shareholders could be forgiven for wondering whether it has been worth the wait. The company is investing £29 million in a joint venture to build an organic coating line in India that will have an annual capacity of just 127,000 tonnes. As Sir Brian Moffat chairman, recognises, this is "relatively modest" stuff - particularly for a company that is sitting on a cash mountain of

more than £700 million. British Steel is resolutely opposed to a special dividend or share buyback, and Sir Brian says the company will retain its cash while it still has plenty of investment ideas. This is all very well, but British-Steel has proved itself a highly cautious investor and shareholders would surely support a rights issue for a worthwhile acquisition. The board

may be mindful of the huge cash cost to the company of the last recession, but rainy day money is not a good reason to keep your pennies in British Steel's bank account.

The near future is clouded by the recent strength of sterling. That makes British Steel products more expensive, but it also damages the prospects of other British exporters that are its customers. There are some compensations. The exchange rate may encourage European steel companies to push up their prices, which will provide some relief to British Steel. Steel prices have been weak, but British Steel believes that destocking has come to an end, and is cautiously optimistic.

The shares, at 1714p, are off their recent high. But tightly run as it is, the risks involved in investing in this cyclical stock look too great

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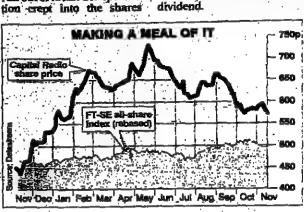
Capital Radio

CAPITAL RADIO has resisted the temptation to throw its money into an acquisition binge in the commercial radio market just as prices are peaking, instead, the company is making a splash in another overvalued

Capital Radio would not know a taco from a tamale but has agreed to pay £51 million for My Kinda Town, whose international portfollo of themed eateries includes Henry J Bean's, the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, Mamma Amalfi, Salsa and Beach Blanket Babylon.

This month, Capital Radio ls due to open its Radio Cafe, a business idea that does have some potential for cross-promotion with media events using rock celebrities, But no such synergy exists between MKT's restaurants

earlier this year but it disap-peared yesterday and the and the radio station. More worrying to Capital share-holders is the business risk. restaurant deal will ensure that it will not come back for All restaurants require pesome time as shareholders riodic makeovers and will now see their cash themed restaurants are pardisappearing into depreciatticularly expensive to kit out. ing restaurant properties. Capital Radio should have They are also more tied to fashion. In the end, it appstuck with broadcasting and ears that Capital Radio has run out of ideas. Bid speculaannounced a



Emap

NEVER mind the boardroom row, feel the profits that's the message from Emap. Yesterday's display of unity in the wake of the board's attempt to sack two of its directors was slightly undermined by the body language of David Arculus, the managing director, who is widely rumoured to have fallen out with Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman.

As Sir John explained how veything was sweetness and light, Mr Arculus stared at his desk and looked like he'd rather be in Peterborough running a media business. This is what he is good at. Even in France, where the was able to extract some

In radio, a histus from the rapid growth of recent years occurred during August and September, but now it appears that November is already sold out - so this market still has legs. Emap's

policy of moderate acquisitions and organic growth has brought a quiet revolution over the past couple of years. in which the company has: doubled in size.

The strong share price performance has been warranted, but the big concern would be if Mr Arculus's body language was the precursor to his body walking out the door.

Greycoat

WITH all the fuss about Greycost, you might think that the company was sitting on 12 acres of undeveloped land in the heart of the City. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. companies, the issues are less about numbers than about who sits at the top table.

After the intervention from

Moorfield, the argument has developed from UK Active Values slash and burn proposal. In Moorfield, we have

tions go far beyond the walls of their offices. They are a useful tool for UKAV, which Is eager to rescue a fairly disastrous investment, but we are still left with Greycoat wringing its hands and mak-

ing few suggestions. Embankment Place is an obvious candidate for securitisation, but it is difficult to see how a dead investment offering a 7-8 per cent. yield is attractive to institutions. Gifts would do us well and are more easily tradeable. Nevertheless, Greycont should air the issues further or make alternative

suggestions.

For institutions, removing management costs of ELS million must look attractive. looks rich coming from the Moorfield team who not long ago had their wrists slapped for an overgenerous share option scheme. But a lowgrowth business should not be run expensively.

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Naturally it was his first choice

DIARY

FRANCIS BARON & looking forward to a few weeks abroad, after three years without a break as chief executive of First Choice Holidays. Curiously, he is planning to take his hols with First Choice, in spite of his hasty departure from it yesterday. "They're the best company, with the best products" he says. But until then, he is up to his ears in paint, decorating the Elizabethan House he recently bought with his wife in Lewes, Sussex After reading up on his new pad, Baron is able to boast that it was once the home of a former Prince of Wales.



"Did we manage to sell him a holiday?"

ONLY six of the top ten partners at the leading law firms are Oxbridge Oxford, with full marks going to Exeter College. alma mater of both Colin Joseph of DJ Freeman and Andrew Walker of Lovell White Durrant. The average age is 52, and only four admit to spending spare time on the golf by Legal Appointments magazine found.

Wobbly-Den

ACCORDING to my spies. David Mansfield has put on two stone since he took off across the globe in search of the right partner in food for Capital Radio. The commercial director's expanding girth is the cause of much concern. after he ate his way around the world, before plump-ing for My Kinda Town. A fanatical Wimbledon FC supporter, rumour has it that the red-haired Mansfield will soon be too big to fit through the turnstile.

High finance

DAVID "eager" Beever, former managing director of SBC Warburg, who this week joins KPMG, is already raking in the readies. As the newly appointed chairman of corporate finance, Beever was invited to attend a KPMG dinner in Birmingham, where he scooped the pool in a poker game. In one fell swoop, he turned a £25,000 stake into more than £1 million. Unfortunately for him, the stakes were theoretical, and all he took home was a measly magnum of champagne.

Plastic economy

BIGGER breasts, smaller hips and bulging lips are among the best barometers of Britain's economic well-being. The more mins, tucks, lifts and implants. the better off we are. The British Association of Cosmetic Surgeons says that its business is finely tuned to the nation's wealth, and that demand for artificial enhancement is currently booming. With older businessmen wanting to look younger and redundant executives splashing out on a new nose in the bope that it might get them a new job, the number of men succumbing to the knife is on the rise.

CBI conferences are looking increasingly politically partisan. No Conservative MPs in sight, but lots of new Labour: here a Barbara Roche, there a Stephen Byers, here a Nigel Griffiths, there a

Peter Mandelson. MORAG PRESTON

Business leaders prepare for judgment day in EU case

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Executives prove more pragmatic

than politicians, according to

Philip Bassett

lford, the photographic chemicals company, has a new shift system. Nothing unusual in that except that the company's new way of working is specifically designed to comply with Europe's 48-hour working. week directive — even before it is in force. As the UK Government's ministers brace themselves for today's judgment on working time by the European Court of Justice, companies in Britain are starting to get on with it.

"We got whoops of derision from other employers when we said we do not think the directive is a problem," says David Pepper, Ilford's personnel man-ager. "But we were looking for a way to guarantee to employees that flexible working is not a way of cheating them."

llford used the prospect of the directive as a means of persuading staff to accept a new shift system - one that guarantees minimum daily and weekly rest periods and limits the working week to 48 hours, and at the same time improves the company's response to

Ministers and business leaders will today insist that if the European Court demands that the working time directive is implemented in Britain, the competitiveness of British business will be sorely hit. Ilford disagrees: the company estimates that far from its costs rising with the working time provisions, it has cut its labour costs by E3 million since introducing the new shift system, which should be fully in place by Christmas, and will offer the ability to raise output by 20 per cent at a week's notice, without the need for overtime or temporary staff.

Though rooted in the directive, Ilford's pragmatic move is a world away from the focus today in Whitehall and Westminster, in Brussels and at the CBI conference in Harrogate, on a room in Luxembourg where 14 judges in the European Court will give their ruling in a key legal action: Britain's challenge to the European Union's directive on

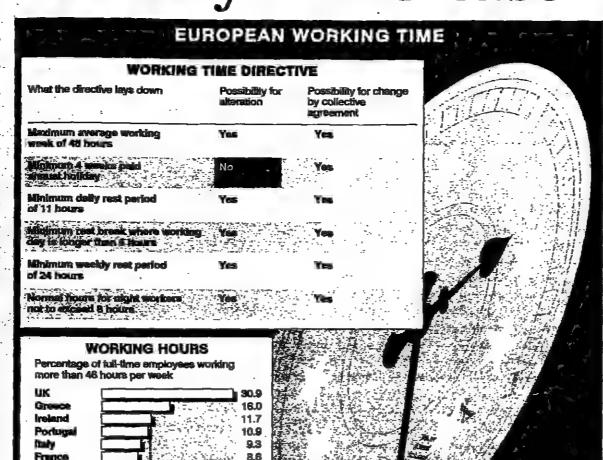
Barring unforeseen circumstances, all sides are united on one thing only — that the European Court will reject Britain's attempt to set aside the directive, and that the UK will be forced to introduce measures which will limit

them 48 hours. From the Prime Minister and the Labour leader onwards, politics will immediately subsume the decision. Behind the political sound and fury, though, the Government will have no legal choice but to accept the ruling and implement the directive, if that is indeed

what the judges in Luxembourg say. What is open for ministers to decide is how quickly they do that, with a general election looming ever closer, and what other action to take in reply - from nothing, to using the crawling Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) negotiations and the EU presidential summit in Dublin next month to insist on new cross-EU rules exempting Britain from the directive, in spite of today's

judgment.
Whitehall officials have been carefully preparing for today, readying a range of responses for ministers to adopt, after the announcement earlier this year of the opinion of the court's advocate-general, in which Britain's case was rejected. European Court judgments rarely run counter to these preliminary findings - hence the near-universal view that the UK Government's case

Behind the decision is a fundamental clash of philosophy, between the Goverrament's commitment to deregulation, especially in the labour market, and the EU's insistence on common standards. including minimum job protection pro-



visions, throughout Europe, But the core of today's argument is straightfor-

Belgium

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The EU, with the support of trade unions, argues that working long hours are a threat to health and safety, and have brought forward a directive to limit working time in order to ease that threat. Britain, with the support of employers, insists this is a subterfuge a misuse of the provisions of the Treaty of Rome by bringing forward under the guise of a health and safety issue, on which individual member states have no veto, proposals relating to core employment terms and conditions, which EU members have the power to

Long hours are endemic in the UK, as the graphic shows. They are also on the now work more than 48 hours a week. compared with 27 million in 1984 - a rise of 41 per cent. Most long hours are worked by men, with industries such as mining and quarrying, agriculture and transport seeing the longest hours. Managers and blue-collar workers alike work long hours.

New research by the Institute of Personnel and Development shows that the long hours that people in Britain now work are more than they are contracted to work. Pushed by high workloads and a sense of obligation, on average British employees work nine hours a week beyond their contracted

More than a third of employees say they cannot imagine working any harder. Angela Baron, an IPD policy adviser, says: "In the long term it is unlikely that people can keep up with the punishing pace of work we are witnessing, and the trick is going to be to balance short-term gains with longterm effectiveness."

Health experts say stress-related illness is now estimated to cause the loss of 40 million working days in Britain every year, at a cost to industry of up to £8 billion. In the face of this, public support for legislation like the working time directive is strong. Poil evidence compiled for the TUC shows 78 per cent of people — including 72 per cent of Conservative voters — backing new laws to make it illegal for people to be forced to work more than 48 hours a week. Away from the high politics swamping today's judgment, how does business see the issue? Putting it simply. business views the working time directive with a great deal less fear and

furore than the political world. While business leaders at the CBI and in industries like engineering will today make it clear that they would rather not see the directive in place, they will be a long way from opposing it in practice. They will insist instead that the flexibilities inherent in it are extensive, and that the Government ought to apply it in a way which takes maximum account of them. The table makes clear which specific provisions in the directive can

be open to change.
On the ground, just as they did with works councils, companies are shrugging off the political arguments and pragmatically getting on with. Ilford is one. Britain's heating and ventilating industry is another.

The industry has just reached agreement with the MSF general technical union for a 1996-97 pay deal. As well as a rise of 2.5 per cent, the agreement includes a clause — thought to be one of the first of its kind in British industry — relating specifically to the working time directive, by providing for the calculation of the 48-hour maximum working week over 12, rather than four months, as laid down in the directive. Bill Belshaw, president elect of the industry's association, says the deal marks "important steps in the modernisation" of employee

relations in the industry.

Such detailed pragmatism is likely to be the hallmark of the response of industry and trade union leaders to the directive, rather than the positiontaking of politicians, Political leaders need to know how to make capital out of today's judgment and the directive behind it; business needs to know what it is, and how to get on with it.

First agreed in November 1993. directive 93/104 has to be implemented in EU member states by November 23. Brought forward under existing legislation, the directive will apply to the UK, if that is what the court announces today, because it is not part of the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, from which Britain has opted out, though UK ministers may seek to have it included within the provisions of the opt-out if today's court judgment goes against

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, was clear yesterday about what the Government will do: "We intend to make sure it disapplies in this country." But if the court rejects Britain's legal challenge, the directive will apply to all workers in Britain, with some key exceptions - doctors in training, and workers in air, rail, road, sea, inland waterway, sea fishing and lake transport.

But the directive offers considerable opportunity for flexibility by adopting within it - variations of the standards laid down which can be agreed between employers and employees - though employment lawyers are currently arguing whether the Government's legal challenge and the timing of today's judgment already puts at least some of these derogations out of Britain's reach.

Despite the lucrative potential that directive offers to lawyers, what is clear is that today's judgment will set a very tight legal timetable ticking. From public sector workers in particular, the Government may face the possibility of legal action to enforce the directive, depending on today's outcome - and public sector unions are already actively searching their files for cases to bring rapidly against the Government under

In one sense, then, today's judgment is only the start of the argument over the legal impact of the working time directive in Britain - how and when it is implemented, and how quickly. But in another, it will be an explicit punctuation mark on working time which, if the court judgment does go as expected, will for the first time in the UK give new rights such as paid holidays to employ-ees, and which the Government will have no practical choice but to apply. That will be politically explosive - but as often before, business will have to pick up the pieces, and get on as some companies are doing already with the

Look to bonds for next crash

wo weeks ago I gently suggested in this column that world financial markets had moved into the phase where the lunatics take over the asylum. Since then there have indeed been some pretty wild market movements: Wall Street has soared, London's bull market seems to have died, the dollar has plunged by 2 per cent in one memorable night in Tokyo, and Italy has been recognised by widows and orphans as a better long-

term credit than Britain. There is nothing unusual about such crazy periods. Speculative attacks strike one market or another every few years. In the early 1980s it happened to gold and oil.

In 1987 the speculators rushed into American and European shares and then. two years later, into Japanese land and equities. In 1993 it was the turn of Asian emerging markets and bonds the world over. And in spring 1995 it was the Japanese yen that suffered (or gained, depending on your point of view).

The only thing that is a blt unusual about the present bout of speculative fever is the discrepancy between the visible symptoms and the diagnoses proposed by financial experts.

investors the world over have chewed their fingernails down to the quick worrying about the extreme valuations on Wali Street and American experts have been warning about the unsustainable growth of foreign government holdings of dollars and US Treasury

Yet, looking at the actual behaviour of markets. American equities and the dollar have moved steadily upwards in a perfectly controiled, almost stately, progression

that really have been pushed by speculation to ludicrous extremes - Japanese and continental bonds. Hong Kong equities, all kinds of Swiss assets - have been treated as safe havens by investors trying to shelter from the supposedly excessive risks of putting their money in America.

The British markets, positioned psychologically in mid-Atlantic have suffered from the worst of both worlds. The pound has strengthened dangerously on the perception that it is a safe haven from both American instability and the uncertainties of European monetary union. The stock market has fallen sharply. partly because of the strong pound and Kenneth Clarke's rate increase, but mostly. I suspect, because investors fear an imminent crash, presumably on Wall

The dreaded crash will surely come. But what few investors seem to expect — and what is therefore quite likely to happen is a crash somwehere less obvious than Wall Street. Where, then, might we witness the next financial earthquake? The most plausible answer is not in equities but in bonds and specifically in the government bond markets of Japan and Europe.

Bond markets all over the world now seem more vulnerable than equities for two main reasons. First, the markets are now behaving as if

has been eliminated not just for the next few years, but forever. Secondly, even if inflation were as extinct as the dinosaurs, the present level of bond yields would also require the permanent extermination of economic growth and credit demand

around the world. The Japanese Government is now borrowing money at 2.5 per cent for ten years and has recently sold 30-year bonds paying less than 3.5 per cent until 2026. These bonds will surely prove the worst investment ever offered to unsuspecting punters since the British Government issued its irredeemable War Loan at 3.5

In Europe, meanwhile, top-notch borrowers have been flooding the Eurobond markets with zero-coupon paper in Italian lire, yielding less than 8 per cent for ten years or more, it is worth recalling that the interest rates now being offered by Italy — and, remember, still in Italian lire — are lower than the interest rates Germany was paying in marks less than five years

The only thing that could justify such permanently low interest rates, either in Japan or in Europe, would be a permanent recession. on top of complete price stability for up to 30 years.

Derhaps this is, indeed. what the markets assume. In Japan there seem to be precious few signs either of inflation or economic recovery, despite unprecedented efforts at monetary and fiscal stimulation. In Europe price stability seems assured by the prospect of monetary union. while perpetual recession is guaranteed by the proposed sility pact that man Government again deyesterday manded afternoon. But here's the

Conditions in Japan finally seem to be turning. Just when foreign investors have finally given up hope of a Japanese economic recovery and started selling their shares in Tokyo, the yen has begun to strengthen, the stock market has pulled out of its doldrums and bond prices have gone into free

In Europe the outlook for bond investors is, if anything, even worse. The markets have been gaily dancing on the grave of the Bundesbank, but now the German Government itself is casting doubts on Germany's willingness to soften the EMU terms. And what if Germany does finally agree to turn the euro into a Camembert currency in order to admit France. Spain and Italy? Would anyone seriously expect a European Central Bank in which these countries commanded a clear majority over the Germans and Dutch to behave in the same way as the Bundesbank?

Why then should the yields on Italian and Spanish bonds converge down to German levels? It would surely be more logical for convergence to move the other way - with German yields rising to meet those of Italy and Spain. In comparison with Europe. Wall Street is a safe haven even with the Dow at 6,000 plus.

Fraser Nelson on this year's NatWest/The Times competition

A searching test of student ingenuity

You are the managing director of Go-Build, whose recent run of bad fortunes could be reversed by a contract to build a motorway through rural Blankshire.

It's a chance to turn your company around and avoid job cuts, but the bypass is bitterly opposed by local residents, who have teamed up with environmental activists to thwart its construction. The wrath of the national media has been aroused, and protesters are plotting to unleash chaos on your annual meet-ing. What do you do? This is the moral dilemma

put to candidates for this year's Business Ethics Competition, sponsored by the NatWest GroupThe Times. It challenges undergraduates to put themselves in the place of the industry's decision-makers and to provide morally defensible solutions to complicated ethical problems.

The challenge, now in its third year, comes as part of a general campaign to make ethics a prominent part of manding more evidence of

Derek Wanless, chief execu-tive of NatWest, will be one of the six judges.

The competition, he says, is aimed at raising the level of the business ethics debate on campus. "Business ethics are now firmly on the agenda in boardrooms. They are important because companies now recognise that easy, short-term solutions can often lead to harmful long-

term consequences for their profitability, or their relationship with particular groups judges John include Drum-

mond, managing director of Integrity Works, a business ethics consultancy. He forecasts that as ethics become increasingly important in business, the ability to solve moral quandaries will prove an essential discipline for homore executives.

Today's consumer is debusiness studies training moral integrity from com- the way people are treated has find a bus company willing to

panies, as well as quality and cost," he says. "This makes business decisions a lot more complex, and requires executives to be capable of a much wider understanding of the issues they deal with."

The other judges are John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, chair-man of Camden and Islington

undergraduate business ethics competition -

Community Health Services NHS Trust, and Lindsay Cook, business editor of The Times. Mr Monks says the winner will have grasped all sides of the motorway dilemma. "We will be looking for someone who understands that business is not just about profit maximisation. They should show awareness that

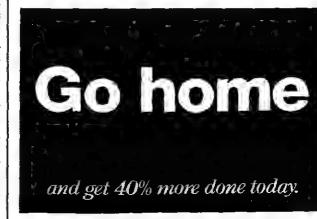
There are sound commercial treasons for undergraduates to enter: the first prize is £3,000, while the second and third prizes are worth £2,000 and £1,000 respectively. All awards are matched with a similar amount paid to the winners' universities. Last year's competition was

based on another familiar ethical dilemma: a supermarket manager asked to relocate from an training as accountancy. If the unprofitable subtrend towards ethical business urban store to a continues, tomorrow's employers will be looking for much larger city centre building. eraduates to demonstrate The store's old customers their moral, as well as comare very unhappy, and the mercial, business acumen.

blackened by the local press. The best solution came from Chris Ayres, who was studying at Hull University. He argued that the suburban store should be kept open for a further two months, in which time the supermarket would

to the new site. Low-income families should be able to exchange their bus tickets for grocery discounts, he continued, and the harsher comments from the local press could be countered through the use of advertising.
The solution should satisfy shareholders' demands for expansion. Mr Ayres concluded, while placating all but the most fervent protester. According to ethical cam-paigners, these exercises will become as crucial to business

☐ The competition is open to any undergraduate studying a first degree. The closing date is February 28. Entry forms can be obtained from Anthony Fisher, NatWest Business Ethics Competition, Room 217, 41 Lothbury. London_EC2P 2BP.



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Brighter outlook at Sidlaw after loss of £7.3m

By Fraser Nelson

SIDLAW, the troubled packaging company, yeslerday reported pre-tax losses of £7.27 million for the year to September 30. However, its new chief executive claimed that the company has finally turned the corner.

John Durston. ioined the company last month, said that after having jettisoned its oil sermaking packaging plants. the company was on course to return its first interim profit for two

Last year's heavy losses included exceptional charges of £8.2 million, including costs of disposing of unprofitable factories and of replacing Digby Morrow, the former chief executive, who received a £570.000 pay-off after being ousted in May.

Mr Durston said that Sidlaw had already seen business pick up in its second half. He said: "Some customers were let down in terms of service. and that had a bad effect on the order book. But now we are seeing growth in the fast-moving con-sumer goods, and our order books are pretty

Having sold its oil services arm to its manage-ment last month for £56 million, the company now operates entirely from 13 flexible packaging plants across Europe. However, Mr Durston admitted that some remaining plants were still in difficulty. Although further closures were unlikely, they could not be ruled out, he said.

Overall, turnover was flat at £290 million (£283 million). On an underlying basis, profits were El mil-lion (E7.3 million) and earnings per share 1.6p (8.3p). In spite of a loss, after exceptional items, of 12p per share (1.7p loss), a final dividend of lp will be paid on February 7 making the year's total 2p (Hp).

Triplex Lloyd gets into top gear with 84% more



TRIPLEX LLOYD, the Midlands engineering group. produced a sparkling set of results yesterday showing interim pre-tax profits 84 per cent higher at Eb.2 million (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Turnover in the six months to September 30 was

Underlying earnings per share were 19 per cent higher at 7p while the interim dividend is unchanged at 2.5p per share, payable on February 21.

Colin Cooke, chairman, left, pictured with Graham Lockyer, said he was "encouraged by the buoyant level of the group's order books" that stood

at £66.7 million, compared with £61.5 million a year ago. He said the increase in overseas sales to 42 per cent of group turnover, from 40 per cent, confirmed the value of focusing "on businesses related to our key areas of expertise which produce technically advanced products and services

Executives in majority if Emap rebels are removed

EMAP, the media group, has no plans to replace two rebel non-executive directors, whom it is asking shareholders to vote off the board at next month's extraordinary meeting.

Removing the two rebels -Joe Cooke and Ken Simmonds who tried to unseat Sir John Hoskyns, the company's chairman, among other protests. will reduce the number of nonexecutive directors from seven to five, putting them in a minority to the six executive directors on Emap's board.

Sir John said he believed that five non-executives was the right number for the Emap board. The company would not be searching for new nonexecutives until Richard Winfrey had retired next year.

Sir John said the company would not address the issue of succession — at the heart of the row with Mr Cooke and Professor Simmonds — until after the annual meeting next July. Sir John is not planning to retire until July 1998.

Eman starts a tour of instiinvestors today. It hopes to kill off rumours of a row between Robin Miller, the chief executive, and David Arculus, the managing director. Mr Arculus said he had

tried to arbitrate between Sir John and Mr Miller on one side and the rebel directors on the other, without success.

Sources at Emap say there has been creative tension between Mr Miller and Mr Arculus in the past, but the fact that neither has left, despite Mr Arculus being offered jobs such as chief executive of ITV, spoke for itself.

Mr Miller said he hoped the institutions would concentrate on the company's better than expected results for the half year to September 30, announced yesterday. These showed pre-tax profits up 34 per cent at £50.6 million, earnings per share up a third at lop and a half-year dividend, payable on January 10, of 4.3p a share (3.7p). The

shares rose 27 p to 750p. The performance came despite a fall in advertising revenues in France, where Emap has been building a substantial magazines business. The fall was blamed on the sluggishness of the economy. Mr Miller said this business was being rationalised to enable it expand rapidly when

the market picked up. The company is also plan-ning further expansion in radio, perhaps on the Continent, despite a slowing in the exceptional rates of growth seen in that sector.

Emap has also shown itself to be one of the few publishers able to make money from the Internet. Compuserve is using the Emap consumer titles' web sites to sell subscriptions, with the FHIM men's magazine being the most visited site, and Emap has developed its own browser service. It is now dev eloping specialist business-tobusiness services related to its magazine titles.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chesterfield to pay £22m for Albion

ROBERT MAXTED, the property investor, is selling Albion Property Investments, his private property firm, to Chester-field Properties for £21.9 million. Chesterfield will pay for Albion via an issue of ordinary shares at 545p each and warrants at 700p. Existing Chesterfield ordinary shares received by 412p, to 544p, yesterday. Mr Maxted, aged 49, is to be chief executive of the enlarged group, which will have proform a net assets of £166 million. He will be on an initial twoyear contract at an annual salary of £170,000. Mr Maxted said that the Albion transaction, which requires the approval of Chesterfield shareholders, was "an astute move for both

The enlarged company will explore ways of separating its entertainment interests to concentrate on property activities. Albion, formed in late 1995, has a portfolio of 28 properties. valued at £110 million at the end of September and producing an estimated net rental income of £11.4 million a year. Mr Maxted was a founding shareholder and chief executive of Pillar Property Investments from 1991 to 1994.

TI wins Forsheda

TI GROUP, the UK engineering and aerospace company, has declared victory in its £189 million battle to acquire Forsheda, the Swedish manufacturer of polymer seals. TI yesterday said that it had received acceptances in respect of 78.7 per cent of Forsheda's share capital and 90.2 per cent of voting rights. The offer has been declared unconditional and the acceptance period has been extended to November 22. The terms of the offer had been opposed by Henderson Investors, the UK fund management company, which spoke for 12.77 per cent of Forsheda.

Charles Sidney advances

CHARLES SIDNEY, the automotive distributor that specialises in Mercedes-Benz cars and trucks, said that current trading was in line with expectations. Passenger of dealerships have improved their performance but the truck outlets performed less well in a weak market. The company, which has changed its year-end to December 31, reported second interim profits of £5.7 million for the 12 months to August 31, up 56 per cent. Earnings rose 30 per cent to 9.5p. A second interim dividend is not being paid but a final dividend will be paid for the extended 16-month reporting period.

Critchley lifts payout

CRITCHLEY GROUP, the manufacturer of identification products and components for the electrical and telecommunications industries, is increasing its interim dividend by 14 per cent to 4p a share after reporting a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.71 million for the half year to September 30. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 15.8p. The company said that sales of key products, including automatic wire marking, computer printable labels and electronic wound components, have grown significantly and that overseas business has been most encouraging.

Cleveland moves ahead

CLEVELAND TRUST, the industrial property investment company, which is also the operator of the part of Boston. Lincolnshire, said that total pre-tax profits increased to £916,600 from £606,000 in the half-year period that ended on September 30. Earnings were 4p a share, rising from 3.1p in the previous comparable period, and the interim dividend is increased to 25p a share from 245p. Cleveland acquired 5 per cent interest in the port of Boston in July this year at a cost of £465,000, initiating a diversification from the company's traditional core business.

ABB buys GEC Meters

ABB, the international electrical engineering company, has acquired GEC Meters, the United Kingdom's largest manufacturer of electric meters for domestic and industrial applications, for an undisclosed sum. The company, based at Stone, Staffordshire, employs about 700 people and has annual sales of about £29 million. GEC Meters will be renamed ABB Metering Systems and will form part of ABB's global power transmission and distribution segment. ABB employs 13,000 people in the United Kingdom, with revenues of about £1 billion in 1995.

Big Bang for Tokyo

RUYTARO HASHIMOTO, the Japanese Prime Minister. yesterday announced a plan for a Japanese version of Big Bang to make the Tokyo financial markets better able to compete with those of New York and London (Robert Whymant writes).

The financial reform plan aims to make the Tokyo markets "free, fair and global" through sweeping deregu

The announcement comes amid growing concern at the flight of foreign companies from the stock, currency and other financial markets in Tokyo because of business restrictions and high trading

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Japan's surplus down by

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TUKYO

SPENDING by Japanese tourists, and rising oil prices, helped to cut Japan's formida ble current account surplus by more than a third in the first half of the fiscal year. The decline in merchandise trade continued, but economists said that the trend was being slowed by the dollar's rise against the yen, and might be reversed next fiscal year.

The current account surplus fell 35.3 per cent in the six months to September, to Y3.33 trillion (£18 billion), compared with a year ago. The figure is the lowest for any half-year period since the second half of 1990 and marks a decrease for the sixth consecutive sixmonth span.

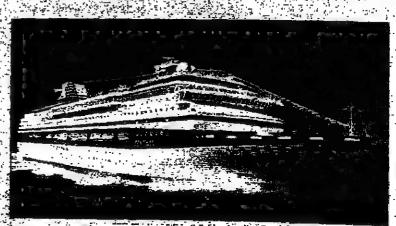
Import growth continues to outpace the rise in exports. Japan's surplus in merchandise trade fell 32.1 per cent. to Y4.15 trillion, the smallest fig-ure for any six-month period and down for the seventh consecutive half-year span. This was because of a 29.8 per cent rise in Japan's import bill for crude oil, on higher prices, and a strong performance by imports of office equipment and other goods.

The tourism account had its biggest deficit for any sixmonth period, reflecting the unabated appenie of the Japanese for foreign travel.

cent fall from the same month last year, to Y7Z7.4 billion. With the yen down nearly 30 per cent since spring 1995, imports to Japan have surged in yen value, but volume growth has slowed sharply this year.

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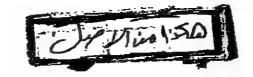
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Britain rockets to top of league

world's shopping list for According to the Invest in Britain Bureau, no fewer than 48,000 jobs were created here during the financial year 1995/96. the result of 477 completed inward investment projects from 29

In one year, more than a third of all external investment into the European Union has come to Britain. Nearly half the job-creating moves originate in America. where companies are looking for a culturally friendly base in Europe. Asian interest is also becoming

Newport in South Wales gained the largest single European investment ever made by a Korean company when electronics giant which already produces microwave ovens at Washington in the North East - committed itself to a £1.7 billion manufacturing investment worth

6,100 jobs over six years. Completing a spread of overseas investment in all four UK member countries are Hyundai's two-stage microchip manufacturing investment in Dunfermline. Scotland, and £80 million of Korean projects in Northern Ircland, Britain now has the largest slice of Korean investment of any

EU member country. Once Britain is on a company's shopping list, particular locations tend to be evaluated on a wholecountry basis by decision-makers unaffected by historical, geographical or regional preferences. This is to the advantage of a key player in the market, the Commission for the New Towns (CNT), which currently has more than 2,590 acres of developable land and 350,000 square metres of industrial and commercial floorspace available

throughout the English new towns. Dr John Bradfield, the CNT chairman, argues that much of the international investment being attracted to his 21 locations could well have been lost to the country altogether if the new towns had not existed. "Several companies have informed us." he says, "that for the location of a European subsidiary, town as their only UK selection and a Continental location.

CNT locations are still capturing a disproportionate number of startups "because they have been dein-built opportunities for future growth, says CNT marketing manager Stephen Ludford. A recent coup involved Japanese motorcycle components manufactures FCC choosing a 6.8-acre site in Milton Keynes rather than cheaper locations in mainland Europe for its first European assembly base despite the fact that 90 per cent of the company's output is destined for Continental markets such as Spain or Italy. FCC made the choice it did because the UK offered the best overall package of a skilled and competitive labour force, relatively low production costs - and Yoshihide Yamamoto.

Relocations need not be on a grand scale to be significant. though. Tentative moves by overseas companies wanting to test the

'Newport in South Wales gained the largest single European investment ever made by a Korean company'

> UK or (more commonly) the European market from a low-cost representative office before making a major commitment are a growing phenomenon, mirroring estabished US practice.

The demand from overseas companies is being met by organ-isations such as Regus, which opened up with a single outlet overlooking Trafalgar Square in

Now it operates a network of more than 130 serviced business centres in 34 countries. Up to 50 per cent of its clients in the UK are for an initial foothold in Europe, many of them choosing locations on well-designed business parks which offer short-term occupancy for anything between 60 and 80

A typical recent arrival at Regus's Birmingham Airport Business Centre, developed on property Business Park, is US software group DataWorks, which decided in January that it needed to open a UK subsidiary office from which to attack the European market. Comrates the move "a relocation suc-cess" and DataWorks is already planning to consolidate its presence by moving into its own building in Birmingham in 1997.

Encouraging as current success rates are, however, there is a growing awareness that complacency could prove disastrous. Britain's European partners are becoming increasingly competitive -- not least since they recognise that many of them have a language problem to overcome.

The global mobility of capital

and the present tide of corporate mean that Britain needs to allocate resources, not only to wooing new investments, but to keeping existing ones (expansions are currently running at twice the rate of new arrivals).To maximise Britain's op-portunities on both fronts, the Invest in Britain Bureau is

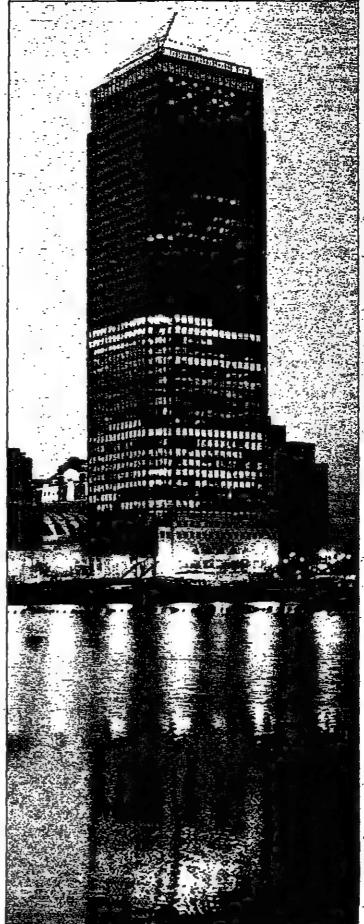
introducing the Invest in Britain Information Service (IBIS), a digitised databank which uses ISDN technol-ogy to match investor needs as logged by British com-mercial posts throughout the world with site and labour availability in likely regions of the UK. Already live for Yorkshire

and Humberside, and the East Midlands, IBIS is being progressively rolled out to deliver total national coverage by early 1999 -ahead of emerging European competition from, most notably, Germany.

IBB's new International Investor Development Pro-gramme (IIDP) which is making progress on another major the bench-marking of regional development organ-

professional and technical support services that companies will need once development and expansion projects are "handed down" from national level.

in the final analysis, achieving the right location first-time round is the most efficient way of retaining Recent research by the CBI and CNT shows that of relocations undertaken by companies based in the UK, two thirds take place within a ten-mile radius.



Developments such as Docklands impress overseas investors

Capital is still leading the pack

taking over

ondon is now riding high on London Docklands as the site for a succession of favourable new European HQ. surveys of business and lifestyle opinion. Voted Europe's best city for business by 500 European company directors for the seventh consecutive year in the European Cities Monitor, from the property consultants Healey & Baker, the capital has comfortably defeated rivals, including Paris and Frankfurt, on key location criteria. These include market access, transport links and telecommunications.

Meanwhile, more than 700 British executives have voted London the best city out of 24 in a poll organised by Black Horse Relocaion Services and Management Today magazine — displacing gham, which unexpectedly came top last year. In America, Fortune magazine has named London as the best European city to live in (and the second best in the world; after Toronto). Newsweek has world's trendlest

metropolis.
For Robert Gordon-Clark, of the London First Centre (LFC), these

intings endorse the capital's "powerful appeal and undisputed making pharma-ceuticals and fashion are all growth areas and ill part of the

tion in April 1994

as a part public, part privately-funded inward investment agency for the capital, the LPC has beloed more than 60 international com-

At the same time, there is rising interest from South East Asia. An important That company is now looking to establish a presence. while a number of second-tier Rorean concerns are prospecting for London bases from which to service the chaebols (Korean conglomerates) which have been rapidly establishing themselves through out Britain.

LPC's target for this financial year is 40 completions, and its success rate to date is running ahead of target. Inquiries, at 106, are already double last year's level.

Recent coups include Delta Airlines, which has consolidated its 12 West European reservation sales offices at Park Royal, West London. and Norton Healthcare, a subsidzary of the American IVAX Corporation. Norton has receptly chosen

The Norton project, which voives relocating 500 staff in Harlow, Essex, as well as a planned creation of 500 new jobs the year 2000, is LFC's eleventh a largest European headquarters location so far. It also represes get under way in the Royal Doci The 15,000 sq metres resear and customer service complex one of the first commercial benef to accrue from Docklands' succe

in securing the EC's Europe Medicines Evaluation Agency. The European research and elopment departments of a number of Japanese and US medical proucts companies are prospecting sites which are convenient both the agency, and for opportunities work in conjunction with London presigious medical schools, hos rals and universities. Imperial Co ege and Northwick Park Hospi are among institutions where t

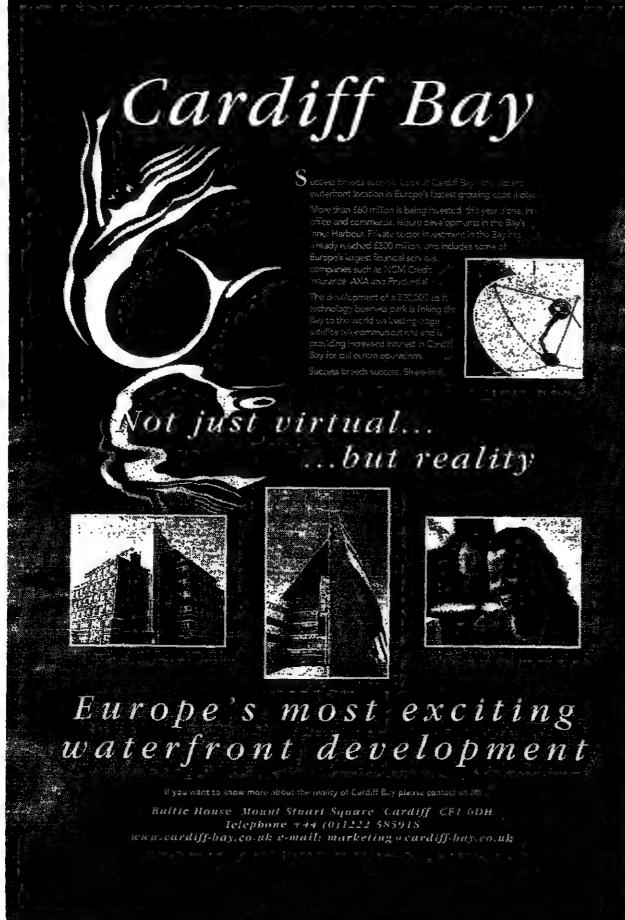
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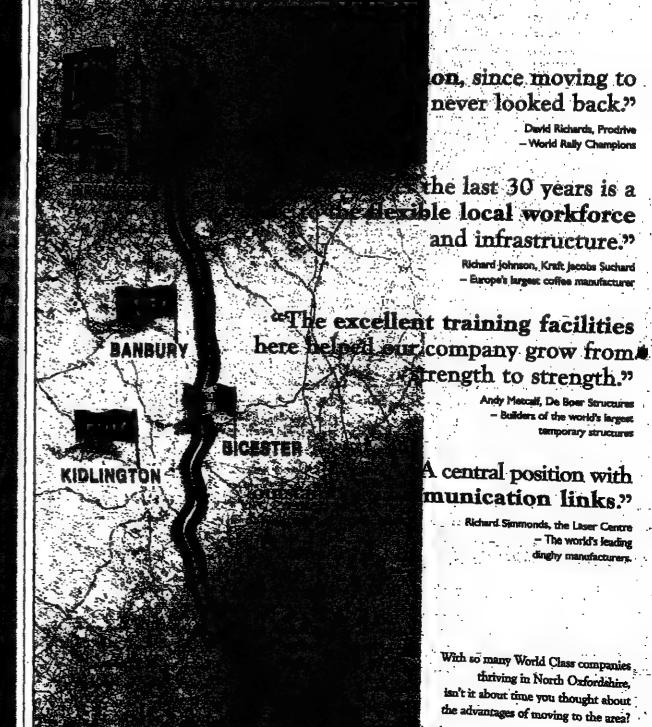
The financ services sector target is the glob insurance industry. London had official presence for the first tir Negotiations have subsequently under way with two important companies (one of which is aims to re-establish a presence) and the from mainland Europe; while oproject involves assisting a Sou African concern planning to en the life assurance field.

reflecting London's rise ion world, the US-based pho laboratories group Loy-Taubm Paris, on the grounds of linguis and cultural obstacles, in favour trendy Clerkenwell. LTI's own Eric Taulman, who specialises fashion and advertising photography, says: London has a ve strong reputation for creativity as quality design, and I believe it is s

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North Oxfordshire





The regenerating game

From the Tyne to the Channel. industry is on the move, says Craig Seton

THE REGIONS

dence that overseas investors increasingly regard sites in many of the English regions as prime locations to serve their British and European customers. Following the decisions of Korean firm Samsung Electronics to establish a complex in Teesside, and Siemens to set up a El.1 billion microchi > plant on North Tyneside, further arrivals are expected.

The proximity of Manch-ester airport and the motorway network influenced the American electronics firm Photronics to build a multimillion-pound plant at Trafford Park Development Corporation's Wharfside site in Manchester. The firm has been backed by £3 millionworth of financial assistance.

In Liverpool, the American membership warehouse club PriceCostco set up last year on a 14-acre derelict site that was regenerated by the Merseyside Development Corporation. Merseyside is also being promoted as a prime location for the development of call centre services, with US-owned QVC building a £14 million call centre at Knowsley for a homeshopping TV channel.

In the West Midlands, centre of the UK automotive industry, Jaguar is expanding its plant at Castle Bromwich, West Midlands, in a £400 million project to produce a small executive car. The Rover Group plans to build a new compact four-wheel-drive sports utility vehicle at its Land Rover plant in Solihull.

A new joint venture, Unipart Yachiyo Technology, is building a £35 million plant in Coventry to produce body components for Honda, creat-In the East Midlands, the

300-acre Eurohub international road and rail freight delivery, distribution and collection



Albert Dock was regenerated by Merseyside Development Corporation, which aims to attract overseas investors

is opening up access to a

business park on the 280-acre

developed by Arlington. A

partnership of local authori-

ties and the county Training

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American-owned Applied Materials Europe announced plans this month to establish a European technical centre at Royal Quays in the Tyne Riverside Enterprise Zone, to train engineers for the semiconductor industry, it is a first step by regional development bodies towards creating a European microelectronics institute in the north of England.

In Yorkshire and Humber side, three Korean electrical firms are locating in the Dearne valley - and the German car component firm LUK (UK) has announced a E9 million expansion of its factory near Rotherham.

Kingston upon Hull, a single-tier unitary authority since April, is now flexing its muscles to attract inward invest-Already home to companies including Birds Eye Walls, Rank Hovis McDougali and Smith & Nenhew, it aims to become a

leading European maritime city, using its access to northern Europe to attract exporting firms.

The Tees Valley Develop-ment Company is citing an abundance of water for industrial processes as a reason for firms to locate within its boundaries, together with its high levels of financial incentives, green field sites, trained workforce and docks.

Dover, Kent, has initiatives to replace thousands of jobs lost in the ferry industry. Phase one of the White Cliffs Business Park offers serviced sites for potential relocators and expanding local firms, while a proposed £100 million redevelopment of the Western Docks is underway to create an office and leisure centre.

The Cherwell-M40 Invest-ment Partnership is promoting Banbury, Oxfordshire, as an attractive area for inward investors. The organisation has created 1,000 jobs in each of the past five years and is seeking new clients for 300 acres of development land.

A new junction of the MS motorway in Gloucestershire

private and public sector part-

ners are forming a develop-

ment agency that hopes to

attract inward investment to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cam-

bridgeshire, Hertfordshire

and Bedfordshire.The Com-

mission for the New Towns

has sold a £1.8 million site in

Group plc, enabling the firm to go ahead with a £20 million

expansion of its national dis-

by an overseas company.

The development fits neatly into Mr Togneri's bal-anced approach of seeking new companies and new

Sights now set on research and development

'Crown

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expand in Scotland. The

new plant in Dunfermline is:

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Scotland is well placed to

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cotland's ambitions extend well beyond the return of the Stope of Scone. One of its targets is the acquisition of the Crown

Not the contents of the Tower of London but something that Locate in Scot-land, the inward investment arm of Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Office, values more highly: company research and development.

This fanciful description of R and D is a favourite of Martin Togneri, Locate in Scotland's director, who reiterates the need to target knowledge intensive investment. "It's natural that companies adopt the view that their R and D facilities are something they should not let out of their sight, he says. "But the potential is there to win some for

The good news for Scot-land is that it continues to attract a record share of the UK's inward investment, creating or underpinning 1,000 jobs a month, against mounting competition from Romania, the Czech Republic and Denmark

The value of this year's dramatic boost in the announcement that the Kovean electronics group Hyundai is to spend £1 billion on a semiconductor plant in Dunfermline Work will start early next year. A planned second phase will involve investment up to ElA billion, making it the biggest financial investment

way. It tops the European table of growth rate in manufacturing productivity and Edinburgh University ranks among the world's top ten research centres in com-The drive to extend the global spread of investors. was rewarded in May when

Shin. Ho Tech became the investment in Scotland, with a computer monitor factory at Glenrothes, creating 280 new jobs. Two more Tai-wanese companies are to follow Chunghwa Picture

Chunghwa, making its first investment in Europe, piopeered a Taiwanese presence in Scotland and will provide 3,300 new jobs over the next four years, the largest number ever created in the UK by an inward

North America, which already accounts for half the verseas-owned plant in Scotland, is making further investments. Among a new wave of arrivals. Simple Technology of California has chosen East Kilbride for its manufacturing plant outside the US.

drawn . Smart, the memory specialists, to create 245 new jobs, and a Californian aviation company is bringing 200 jobs to Prestwick. National Semiconductor is investing a further £30 million in its Greenock plant, the largest IBM is expanding its pan-European Help Centre at Greenock for the third time in 18 months, raising the number employed there to

Where is the future investment coming from and how may it be shaped by immipanies most dislike uncertainty, elections included, but I do not see any suggestion of a change in approach," says Mr Togneri. "Business in future will be split equally between North America, Asia and Europe, and I would like to see more investment from France and

ALAN JENKINS

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Altracting major companies is one way to test

impreseed it increases its investment there.

So thanks, Kodak, for the compliment.

After nearly 50 years on Merseyside, the American giant decided to re-invest and expand here, making it their biggest chemicals operation in Europe, They have workforces of any of their plants in Europe, and the level of job applicants is always of the highest quality.

"There is a sense of energy and 'can-do' mentality in our worldorce which mirrors our own philosophy."

So whalts so special about Merseyside? The grants at local, national and European Union levels? Not one but three Training and Enterprise Councils? The number of good sites? One of the most apphisticated telecommunications systems in Europe? The co-operation between new and existing investors

to pool their knowledge of the region? Well, yes, yes, yes, yes and yes.

But there's something on Merseyside only Merseyside can ever have - one and a half million Mensevaiders. As existing investors like Barclays, Ford, CVC and General Motors have discovered, the people here have

They've taken to training and retraining with a vengeance. Contributing to productivity levels that are 12% higher than the national average.

adaptability and enthusiasm running in their veins.

New working practices have been implemented quickly and efficiently." And the workforce at Kodek? They've an envisible

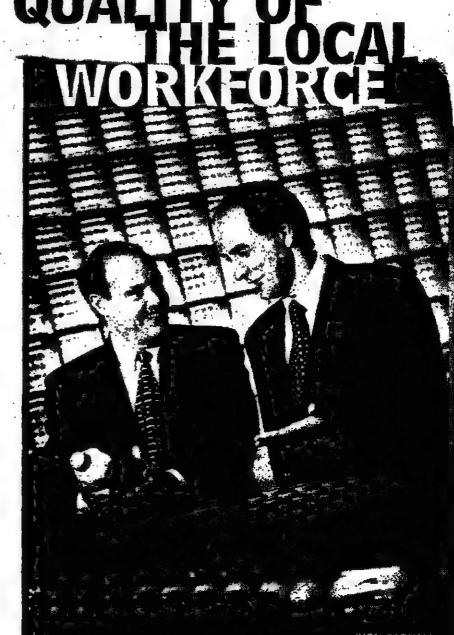
reputation for meeting quality standards and adopting new management systems. For instance, a new business development of supplying

photographic materials to hundreds of mini-labs throughout the UK has already achieved a Perfect Delivery level of 98% OTIFNE (On Time, In Full, No Errors) when 90% is regarded as excellent. They are not however resting on their laurels as they strive for a perfect 100%

That's why Kodak has poured an extra \$20 million into their Kirkby plant in the last 18 months.

So whether you're in the photographic business or not, one thing's for certain."

Developing companies need look no further hun Merseysoa.



Teesside, where Samsung is opening a new plant, boasts plentiful water for industry Jobs galore for Valleys

WALES

uring the last finan-cial year Wales attracted E910 million worth of capital investment from overseas, thereby creating 12.273 new jobs. During the first six months of this financial year it doubled last year's tetal by winning capital

projects worth \$1.8 billion. Already, overseas companies have created 9.800 jobs. That is only 200 jobs short of the target set for the whole year by William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales.

Much of this success is due to Newport netting the LG project for the Korean electronics company formerly known as Lucky Goldstar. When announced back in July it was Europe's largest single investment, injecting \$1.7 bilhon into the Welsh economy and creating 6,100 new jobs. "It is the best advert Wales

can have for the next decade." says James Turner, head of inward investment at the Welsh Development Agency Since the announcement we have had inquiries from sucphers in Asia, California and Europe who are considering relocating to Wales to be near

It is expected that these suppliers, together with their support industries, will create a further 15,000 jobs after LG's television sets and silicon chips begin production next

Crossing, the principality wel-

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Korea was not the only Asian country active in Waley Takiron, moved in 24 years this summer Following the opening of the Second Severn age. And they are still coming.



Gateway to Wales: the Second Severn Crossing

ufacturing company. Showa. This automotive components producer established its European manufacturing facility in the Cynon Valley, creating 200 jobs and investing SIO million. Between them Wales's 50 Japanese firms have invested SIS billion in the principality

Earlier this month. Toyo Seal

Industries announced plans to

and created 16,000 jubs since the first Japanese business.

facility outside Japan in Wrexham, North Wales. There is will invest \$2.4 million in producing rubber seals for the UK's automotive industry. Wales has also benefited

from new businesses moving in and from resident American owned firms expanding. Among the former is aerosol manufacturer US Can, which made its first European investment in Merthyr. It is spending 530 million on an aerosol can production facility that will create 120 jobs.

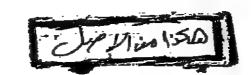
Late last month. General Electric and the Nordam Group of Tulsa joined forces to establish Europe's first fullservice independent aircraft repair facility at Blackwood. This 50 million project is creating 170 jobs.

Among the expansions is hair-care products manufacturer Alberto Culver. It is creating 95 jobs following a E3.15 million development in

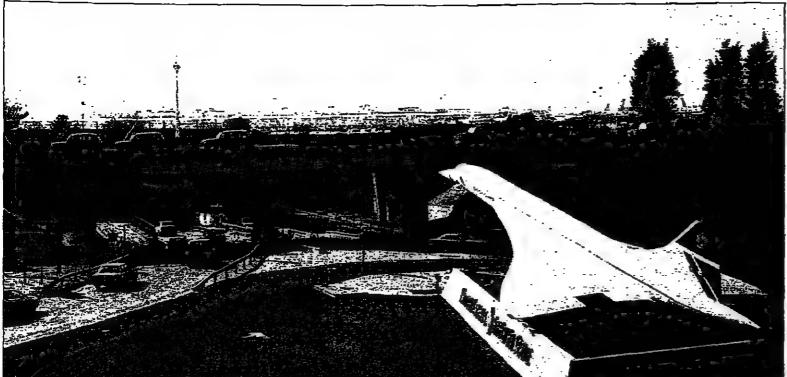
Last week. Align-Rite announced a Ell million expansion at its Bridgend photomask plant that will create 300

This year has seen European companies return to the relocation market. Among such companies selecting Wales is BOS of Stuttgart and Fiamm of Italy. The former is investing £10 million, creating 100 jobs in Wrexham, while the latter is spending £10.5 million on a manufacturing plant for heavy duty batteries at Crumlin, creating 200 jobs.

IOLA SMITH



Outer city sites with good connections are attracting investors, says David Crawford



Heathrow has attracted businesses to the counties west of London. Such links are more attractive to many than the prestige of a base in the city

London extends well beyond its historic core to the M25 and further, influencing the wellbeing of the South East as a whole. Successful exploitation of the city's high profile benefits outlying areas, too.

Of the success stories logged

by the London First Centre (LFC), nearly half have invalved sites largely to the west of London where access to Heathrow Airport is a crucial factor. The most important is the relocation of Samsung's European HQ to Hounslow in co-operation with the Hounslow Parmership. Bromley and Croydon are developing simi-

lar parmerships. A number of LFC-brokered moves have been to places in the Home Counties outside Greater London, while the Thames Valley Partnership is working on three potentially promising projects west of the capital. Such initiatives reflect the fact that overseas investors are often more interested in access and communications links to roads, ports and airports - than in relocating in or near London itself. Until now the South East,

like East Anglia, has lacked a

Home Counties clear for take-off

Government-assisted regional development organisation (RDO) like those which cover the North and the Midlands. Until the recession. London's hinterland was officially seen as being largely free of the unemployment problems and infrastructural investment needs of other regions, although there have long been blackspots within the appar-

ently affluent Home Counties. These gaps in the national support network will now be filled, following last week's announcement that RDOs will serve both the South East and the East of England from 1997, with the East likely to be slightly ahead in the race to open shop. This belated initiative undoubtedly owes much to the success of the LFC, which will co-operate with its new neighbour bodies.

SOUTH EAST

Even without its own RDO. the South East has attracted a good deal of inward investment in recent years. More than 3,000 foreign-owned org-anisations operate in the re-gion, 1,400 of them manufacturing-based, with the US (as elsewhere) leading the field. Denmark, France, Germany. Sweden and Switzerland are also well represented and there are more than 100 Japa-

nese companies. Surrey, for example, is bene-fiting from Nokia Telecommunications' recent commitment to a £44 million expansion which will safeguard 300 jobs and create 600 new ones. Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire was the chosen base for Sanvo Energies'

first UK manufacturing plant, set up to make nickel cadmi-um hatteries.

Berkshire and Buckinghamshire are both established centres of high-tech industry, thanks largely to their good motorway and airport connections. Hampshire's strong industrial base was a factor in persuading automotive manufacturer Microturbo to commit E15 million to a plant specialising in the design and manufacture of gas turbines.

Kent's "Garden of England" image has been tarnished by severe unemployment blackspots, but now it has taken advantage of enhanced links with mainland Europe to form a cross-Channel economic development with its French counterpart of Nord/Pas de Calais. The county is also bidding strongly to win a share of the fast-growing inter-national call centre business, which has tended to favour

Research has shown that Kent can compete surprisingly well in terms of providing higher-quality labour at below national average costs. With 96.500 daily commuters to London available to be wooed to local employment, the county has recently joined forces with the Invest in Britain Bureau and BT in a project aimed at developing an incubator call centre.

ent is also attracting attention for the South East's first postwar private enterprise new town. Rouse Kent's high-profile King's Hill development near Maidstone has recently won occupiers of the calibre of Rhone-Poulenc Rorer (relocating from Eastbourne for better access to Europe), tissue manufacturer Kimberly-Clark and City marketing consultancy Hobart

Communications. Telecommunications developments such as ISDN are likely to influence more London businesses to move out to the M25 and beyond.

It's vroom time where car industry is king

The automotive industry.
underpins the economy
of the West Midlands to a greater extent than any other single industrial sector supports employment and wealth

creation in a UK region. About 75,000 people are directly employed by vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers in the area. Overseas investment by automotive-based companies locating in the West Midlands or through the expansion of existing foreign firms is becoming more influential.

Jaguar, owned by Ford, is investing £400 million at its Castle Bromwich, plant to produce a new "baby" executive car. The Rover Group. Britain's biggest car maker and part of BMW since 1994, is to produce a new compact four-wheel-drive utility vehicle at its Land Rover site at

Land Rover's new vehicle is expected to support more than 10,000 jobs in the UK's automotive supply sector and inject £3.5 billion into the compo-

Then it comes to relo-

panies can claim the

skills of an estate agent, com-

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expert in-house. Other factors

are the local knowledge neces-

sary to advise staff on school-

ing in areas around Britain.

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moving job and house. That is why many companies call in the specialists. BP Chemicals handed over

administration of all its reloca-

tion to agents "because they are the experts who know the

housing market and are deal-

ing with it all the time."

explains lan Fyfe, human resources advisor for BP

Chemicals based at Grange-

mouth. "At first we were

nervous of passing on the

activity but we found that sub-

contracting staff relocation is

cost-effective."

Of the estimated 600 automotive component suppliers in the West Midlands, most of the top 100 are foreign-owned. Among their customers are car-makers in the region and elsewhere in the UK, together with manufacturers of industrial and commercial vehicles. such as the Birminghambased van maker LDV, and Carbodies at Coventry.

Last month it was annormoed that Denso Manufacturing, a joint venture between the Denso Corporation of Ja-pan and Magneti Marelli of Italy, would invest £30 million to expand the greenfield site it has occupied in Telford, Shropshire, since 1992.

It produces car air-conditioning and heaters for customers such as Land Rover, Rover, Jaguar, Toyota UK in Derbyshire and Honda at vindon, Wiltshire.

US car seating companies Johnson Controls and Lear Seating have located in the West Midlands to serve the car

Black Country Development Corporation's specialist automotive components park and the latter in Coventry. Hishimuma Machinery. Ja-

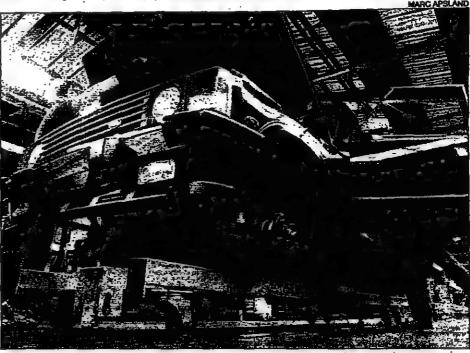
pan's leading hot chamber diecasting machine manufacturer, has opened its European HQ in the Tipton area of the Black Country, with Honda and Toyota among its

customers. French-owned Sommer Allibert is to invest £15 million at its existing Fradley Park. Staffordshire, site, where it will make dashboards for the new Rover 600 series.

The West Midlands Development Agency has played a lead role in securing the location of the automotivebased inward investors to the

During 1995-96 it secured 76 investment projects across nu-merous industrial sectors worth £840 million. The deals have created 7,000 new jobs and safeguarded a further

CRAIG SETON



Rover's production of a new 4x4 vehicle at its Solihull site will support 10,000 jobs

Agents help to attract US entrepreneurs

can-owned K&L Microwave firm will establish a £4.6 million plant in East Yorkshire underlines the importance of the UK's inward investment agencies having their own representation in North America, Craig Seton

Companies from the United States continue to be the UK's largest single source of new inward investment, representing 208 of the 477 such projects during 1995-96, according to the Invest In Britain Bureau.

to set up a 9,000 sq ft factory in Bridlington followed contacts with the Governmentfunded Yorkshire and Humberside Development Agency's (YHDA) office in

Concord, Massachusetts. Maryland-based K&L will design and manufacture microwave filters at its UK facility for use in the base stations of civilian and military cellular, telephone and satellite communications systems, creating 170 jobs over

So far this year, the YHDA's office in Massachu-

AMERICAN INVESTMENT

setts has handled 78 inquiries from US companies considering possible relocation to the region. Sue Crostand, the agency's business development manager for North America in Concord, says: "It is hard to underestimate the value for such companies as K&L in being able to communicate with the agency's representatives quickly and often with face-to-face meet-

The 250 American-owned

lished facilities in Yorkshire and Humberside, employing 30,000 people, are the region's biggest source of investment from overseas. They include Coca-Cola in Wakefield and Kimberly-

Clark at Barton, Humber-Other UK agencies also stress the crucial importance of US representation. American owned Omega Engineering Inc, which is building a European manufacturing facility at Irlam, Manchester, decided on the site after initial contacts with

Corporation's office in St Loois, Musouni

The US firm manufactures measurement and control commonents and chose the 26acre Manchester site after a lengthy selection process involving other potential locathroughout Europe. About 500 jobs will be creat-

ed over ien years. Trafford Park has attracted 35 American companies, and its biggest coup this year has been the decision by the electronics company Photronics to build a £47 million European HQ at Wharfside.

Moving? Just call in the experts

den, while a quarter wanted: specialist expertise. Relocation is a widely ac-

cepted way of life for staff in pharmaceutical group Zeneca. where Vanessa Ainsworth, UK relocations officer, uses an agent to handle the routine administration, enabling her department to manage the broader policies and issues. Sub-contracting is cost-effective because it cuts down on turnaround time.

About 100,000-150,000 staff

are moved around the country A survey by PHH Reloca-tion of 300 British businesses each year by their employers. The sharp drop in office rents who moved their staff in the in central London has halted past year found that one-third sub-contracted the move to the dramatic exodus of companies to cheaper parts of the

however, means that organisations need more space for Black Horse Relocation re-

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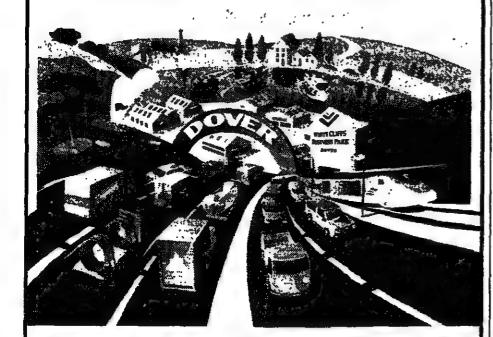
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Zeneca looked at several agents' checking their experi-ence, how well established they were, and the turnsround time they offered. Ask for references to establish the quality of the service, and follow them up by talking to past customers." Ms Ainsworth advises. But the most important criterion is to be able to work together in partnership."

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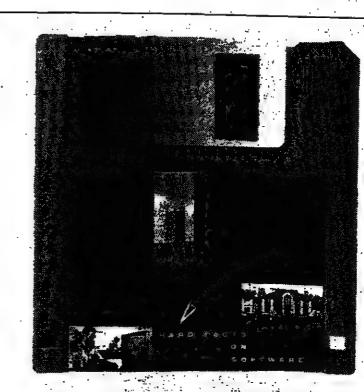
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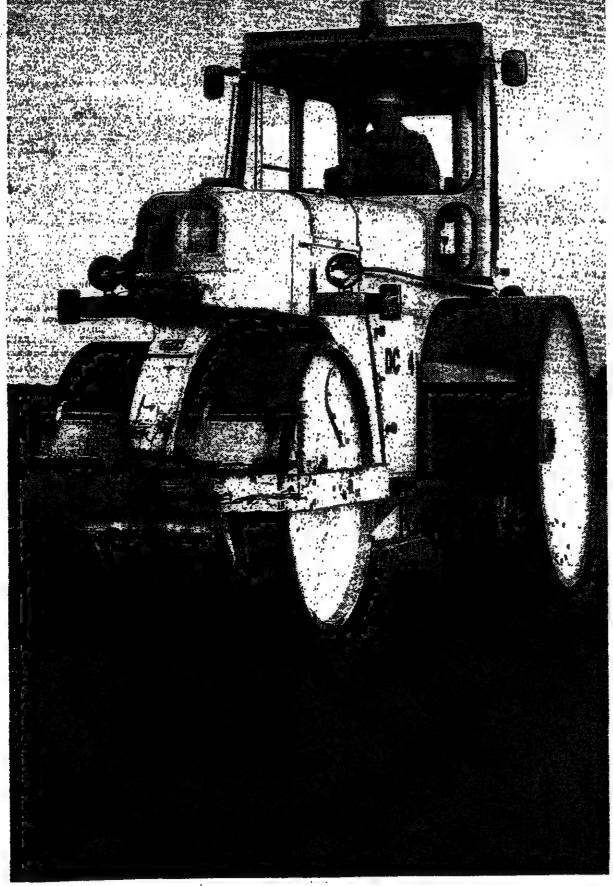
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A blueprint for the future: Dame Margaret Booth

overly paternalistic approach to the presence of the child in court

Other problems are pin-

pointed in the recent Report Of

the national commission into

the prevention of child abuse

- the under-resourcing of the

Act regarding children "in

need" and prevention of abuse,

the absence of provisions

putting positive responsibilities

on parents and obliging them to

take account of children's

views, and a failure to reflect

sufficiently the UN Convention

'n the main, however, the

Act is recugnised as a success, it has to a great

extent simplified, re-

formed, co-ordinated, integrat-

ed and made the courts more

There is still much work to be

done and the proposals to

disband next July the advisory committee which has moni-tored its operation since 1991 is

one aspect that should be

rister, is a specialist in child law.

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on the Rights of the Child.

Children still in need

ailed by politicians as the most comprehensive and farreaching reform of child law in living memory, the Children Act 1989 is now firmly established but is also the subject of increasing criticism.

Since the statute was implemented in October 1991, the most alarming problem has been that of significant delay in the hearing of proceedings. Presumably spurred by the irony that one of the Acr's main principles is that delay in determining a child's future is likely to prejudice his or her welfare, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. brought in Dame Margaret Booth, the former Family Division judge, to produce a blueprint for the future.

But the Act has also gives rise to other problems, such as difficulty in the relationship between the court and the local authority in public law care proceedings, concerns about the interaction between family and criminal proceedings in child abuse cases and doubts about the child's ability to be heard in cases.

The recent Booth report. Avoiding Delay, recognises that hold-ups can occur at all stages of a child case. It identifies a list of major problems: lack of adequate resources; poor administration: lax procedures for transferring cases; problems with proper court control in the preparation of a case; difficulties with joining parties. the instruction of experts, dis-

Equality

laws 'have

failed'

ONE OF the architects of

Britain's equality laws - Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC -

kays they have failed and need

Lord Lester, a leading equality and human rights

lawyer, says that since the

Equal Pay Act 1970, the gap

between men's and women's

pay has "obstinately re-

mained". And the clustering of

women in particular types and

sectors of employment had

also persisted. Last month

figures from the Equal Oppor-

tunities Commission showed

Women were still paid an

hourly average that was 20

per cent less than men's. Part-

time lemale workers earned

less than 50 per cent of the pay

of men in full-time employ-

ment. Lord Lester, who helped

to devise the laws, said that

though European law which has paved the way for a

number of equal pay rulings

- seemed good at first, it had

now become too complex.

What is needed is root and

branch reform, in which the

Community standards are written directly and plainly

into UK statutory form," he

this to be the case,

"runt and branch reform".

Allan Levy, QC, assesses the impact of the Children Act five years on and decides that there is work to be done

problems; and lengthy hear-

ngs. Children's cases take longer under the Act than they previously did. More people - for instance, grandparents and uncles and aunts - can become parties in proceedings, more experts are involved and the issues have become more compiex. But there are also countermeasures such as identifying signations where individuals could become witnesses rather than parties; the joint instrucclarifying the issues more fully at an earlier stage.

The reality, though, is that the average disposal time for public law cases - in which the State in the form of the local authority is involved - has been increasing. Last year, on average, cases in family proceedings courts took 27 weeks from the application to the final an increase of live weeks from the previous year. County court cases took 43 weeks, a rise of six weeks, and High Court cases 52 weeks, a rise of eight weeks. Some cases, therefore, took over a year to. complete — an enormous time

in a childre life. There is also concern about private law cases, which usually involve matrimonial and domestic issues. They can be pushed to one side when priority is given to public law and criminal law cases.

told the Employment Lawyers Association last week.

ARE JUDGES paid enough? The Lord Chief Justice an-

nounced bluntly last week that

unless judges were properly paid, their ranks would swell

with "second best" candidates

and put the independence of

the judiciary at risk. Lord

Bingham of Cornhill said the

maintenance of a strong and

independent judiciary depend-

ed at least in part on payment

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Pay warning

The Booth report recognises that one set of rules and question of delay. Innovation is

> The most alarming problem

the child can be ignored: a situation that at least one Court of Appeal judge has described as unfortunate. Similarly, at an interim stage the courts have found themselves unable, against opposition, to direct a local authority to carry out and pay for a residential assessment

on a child which may be crucial

in deciding the child's future. A child may be caught up in both Children Act and criminal proceedings arising from, for instance, his or her allegations of abuse. The fact that the welfare of the child is central to the former proceedings and an atterthought in the latter has brought many problems re-garding timing, disclosure of local authority files, admissibility of evidence, medical treatment, and balancing the

of the child and the accused. Happily, these often intractable matters are now receiving the attention they deserve, aithough some are far from solution. The voice of the child being

heard effectively is central to the Acr. There are still concerns over the lack of representation for the child in private as opposed to public law cases, in respect of a too conservative reaction by the courts to allowing applications to be made by children themselves, and to an

national law firm should be dispelled by the latest news emanating from its English law firm, Garrett & Co. The firm has recruited Philip Ruttlev, the head of European Law at Watson Farley & Williams. to lead its international trade

practice. In addition, the combined forces of Garrett & Co and its associated Scottish firm Dorman Jeffrey & Co contributed £14.9 million in fee income to Arthur Andersen's UK profits of E620 million.

salaries range from £130,906 for the Lord Chief Justice to £62,018 for district judges.

in most big airports. The centre, in Chancery Lane, is designed to provide solicitors with a convenient base in central London. It boasts phones, fax machines, computers and eight meeting rooms, which are named after leading legal luminaries, including David Lloyd George and Carrie Morrison, the first woman to be admitted as a

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But in the face of a determined authority, the court's procedures cannot deal with the decision in the best interest of needed. In particular, the recur-

ring problems require improved interdisciplinary communication, training, judicial management, administration and better procedures for transferring cases. Measures, we are told, are in hand,

Fundamental problems with

has been delay in hearings'

the Act have arisen out of the relationship of the court and the local authority. Before the Act, the court would still retain jurisdiction after putting a child into the care of the authority. But central to the Act's philosophy is the so-called partnership between the court and the authority which means that, apart from the question of contact with the child, the authority is in charge after the care order is made.

sure that the "dispiriting

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His remarks, in the inaugu-

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ANY lingering complacency

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BLUNDERING barristers,

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vised courtroom comedy,

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Peter Wear (the judge), left.

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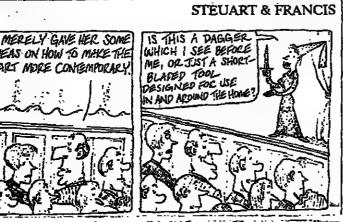
WELL-TRAVELLED solicitors should find that there is something vaguely familiar about the Law Society's new business centre, which was officially opened by Tony Girling, the President of the Law Society, last week. This is because the centre's main work area is modelled on the firstclass business lounges found

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wenty years ago this month a letter to The Times ignited a portentous debate. It suggested that in relation to allega-

Gary Slapper on Parliament and the crime of bribery

Who should judge

tions of bribery and corruption, MPs. apart from being answerable to Parliament, should be subject to the ordinary criminal law. The question of whether allegedly errant MPs should be within the sole jurisdiction of the High Court of Parliament has been raised

again recently by the cash-for-questions scandal. Now the Law Commission is about to publish a consultative paper, in line with the recommendations of Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life, advancing proposals to bring MPs under the same law as other public officials.

In general, MPs are subject to the ordinary

criminal law. When they commit crimes, they can be arrested and if they are convicted, the trial judge must inform the Speaker of the Commons, and the MP may be expelled.

It has been widely accepted, however, that in matters of bribery and corruption, only Parliament can adjudicate. There is ample legislation criminalising corruption by members of public bodies, and there is a serious common law crime of accepting a bribe in public office. But a variety of judicial obiter dicta and the 1976 report of the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life have bluntly asserted that MPs cannot be prosecuted for these crimes. Though never settled by the courts, this still holds sway.

The Royal Commission was set up in 1974 in the wake of the Poulson affair which involved corruption in both local government and Westminster. Its report stated that MPs were not within the scope of the legislation primarily because Parliament was not a "public body" as required by the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889. Even more curiously, the report denied that an MP was in a "public office" for the purposes of the common-law crime.

Those who say that allegedly corrupt MPs

should be dealt with by Parliament alone usually argue two points: first, Erskine May on parliamentary practice can be quoted to contend that corrupt conduct is a breach of privilege, and therefore within the jurisdiction of the Commons. Secondly, Article 9 of the Bill of Rights of 1689 can be adduced to claim that what M Ps say and do as part of the parliamentary process cannot be called into question in any law court.

However, the 1889 Act created a crime of corruptly soliciting, or receiving, or agreeing to receive any reward on account of being a member, officer or servant of a public body. The meaning of the term "public body" was

corrupt MPs? 1916 to cover "public authorities of all descriptions". Members of Parliament are paid from the public purse and perform a public duty. It thus seems perverse to insist

that the law does not apply to them.

Accepting bribes and breach of trust by public officers are old common-law crimes. The 1976 Royal Commission pronounced that MPs were excluded from this law because their occupation was not a "public office". Again, this proposition is at odds with a normal interpretation of the disputed phrase, and has never been tested by the courts. In deciding related matters, the courts have held that an "office" is a "subsisting. permanent, substantive position" which has an existence independent of the person who filled it, and is filled in succession by successive holders".

These criteria are all satisfied by the position of an MP. As Lord Buckmaster said in 1922, afbeit in relation to a different issue, "the real meaning of a public office is an

office the payment for which is not provided out of a private fund". 'It seems Article 9 of the Bill of Rights states that "the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in perverse Parliament, ought not to be im-peached or questioned in any to insist court or place out of Parliament". This provision was made to the law protect MPs from control or pernicious intervention from out-side powers. As Lord Salmon has observed. This is a charter for does not apply' freedom of speech in the House. It is not a charter for corruption." As the Defamation Act was recently

amended at the behest of Neil Hamilton, MP, enabling partiamentary privilege to be walved if an MP so chose in order to bring a defamation action, the sanctity of the privilege has already gone.

Though there is a good case for saying that MPs can already be prosecuted for crimes of corruption, the issue is vexed by a blurred distinction between lawful financial support or consultancy fees from outside bodies and unlawful inducements for the promotion of specific matters in Parliament.

As one Australian judge commented in a 1923 case, the trouble with an MP receiving money from an outside source is that "it impairs his capacity to exercise a disinterested judgment on the merits of la public matter from the point of view of the public interest, and makes him a servant of the person who pays him, instead of a representative of the people". Unlike civil servants and local sovernment officials who may not receive any payments in connection with their duties. MPs can accept money and the rules governing this are still disturbingly vague.

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Lawyers, camera, action! Improving Bar selection Bringing movies to life

Two firms are helping film projects to get off the ground, says Edward Fennell

The London Film Festival is putting the spotlight on the resurgence of the UK's film industry. But while we may have some of the best actors, directors and technicians in the world - do we have the film

lawyers to match? The failure of the UK film industry to make the most of its talent is often ascribed to a lack of hard-headed commercial acumen. However, some of the London lawyers in the field believe they are building the business "infrastructure" essential to the growth of domestic film-making. Rather than providing traditional legal services to film-makers and their banks, a new generation of film lawyers is rolling up its sleeves to become directly involved as executive pro-

ducers in "packaging" productions.
Two firms in particular characterise this new approach. Hammond Suddards is well known as the national law firm with Yorkshire roots which has been making waves in the City. Until two or three years ago it had a standard broadcasting and regulatory unit. But with the arrival of Brian Eagles as a parmer and his colleague. Chris Parkinson, the firm switched direction. Rather than sit back and wait for film dients to turn up with ready-made deals, it began to intervene and 'make things happen" for projects that might otherwise fail.

Mr Eagles says: "We're very hard-nosed in our approach. For example, we are not in the business of promoting 'art' ffirms. However, because of our experience and contacts, we can put together produc-ers, agents, distributors and fin-anciers who otherwise might not meet. As a result, films are getting made that would not normally get of the ground."



Edmonds Bowen staff in Leicester Square, London's filmland

Apart from knowing the right people and having a nose for what will work commercially, Mr Eagles brings to a deal the critical skill of being able to mobilise the finance. UK producers do not always pre-sent themselves to banks in the right way. Mr Eagles can make a erence. As a result, the firm has five files in production and is

looking forward to new opportunities created by National Lottery

The film team at Edmonds Bowen can make similar claims for having assembled often against the odds, the complex jigsaw of ingredients needed for independent film production. The firm has a starring role in this year's London.

THE Bar is a small profession with a high profile. Continuing interest in the media and elsewhere in the legal profession may explain some of the enthusiasm for a career at the Bar but, for whatever reason, recent years have seen huge and increasing demand for training places. writes David Penry-Davey, QC.

Concerns about the vocational course being available only in London have led to the provision of more places in a range of institutions around England and Wales as well as in London.

In the past, finding pupillage has been at best a scramble, with applicants sending off tens or even hundreds of letters to sets of chambers who in their turn have been delayed with applications which consume vast amounts of time and resources.

At the Bar Council, we believe we have found a better way for chambers and prospective pupils alike, and the pupillage applica-tions clearing house (PACH) has had the support of the overwhelming majority of sets of chambers. It is now up and running for the first time. Some idea of the size of the task is apparent from the fact that we

bit of finance, which can make all the difference." In one recent project, Mr Alberstat and Mr Holmes ended up bringing together a dozen sources of funding from Germany and France, as well as from the UK a feat requiring enormous pa-tience and persistence and fuelled by belief in the creative team for

on show. Roger Holmes, a partner,

says of one of them, Crime Time: "If

there was an Oscar for film finance,

Having recently been involved in

Ian McKellen's Richard III, Mr

Holmes and his colleague. Philip

Alberstat, have a good track record

and happily admit they are in the

business because of the buzz it

brings. Mr Alberstat has just

written a book on the legal aspects

of film finance; and, though highly

selective about the clients he and

Mr Holmes take on, admits he is

prepared to "take risks" on some,

hoping for a payoff in the long run.

monds Bowen is ready to assume

an executive producer role and gets

the screen credit to match. Mr

Alberstat says: "I go to lots of film

festivals, speak at lots of confer-

ences and make it my business to

know people throughout the film

industry, as well as on the financ-

ing side. Often, we can find that last

Like Hammond Suddards, Ed-

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which they were acting. Despite this pioneering work for the UK film industry, much of the bread and butter activity still comes from Hollywood, Richards Butler, the City firm, works for many US clients and according to Richard Philipps, a partner, the film team processes documents while LA sleeps and never leaves the office until lunchtime on Rodeo Drive. Meanwhile, Nigel Palmer of SJ Berwin regularly acts for US banks investing in European productions and is similarly well-versed in the American way of doing things. He mentions the dangers of British film-makers being carried away by lottery funding. "I just hope that the money goes into films for which there is a commercial market. otherwise we're in danger of throw ing away a terrific opportunity."

 Edmonds Bowen is hosting a seminar. Get Me The Money, as part of the London Film Festival. It will look at the difference between sourcing funds for films in America and the UK. Details from Philip Albertial, 0171-629 8000.

A clearing house aims to reform the system for many graduates seeking pupillage

have received 1,800 applications for only 800 pupillages. With only 1,000 graduates from the course this year, we estimate that 800 graduates from previous years have applied, perhaps attracted by the scheme. In the first round. 365 places were accepted by applicants receiving offers from their first-choice chambers. Some candidates received more than a

> dozen offers. We are now in the crucial second round, which we have extended to November 25, in which applicants and chambers are linked up with their second choices. After that, we intend to publish a full list of remaining vacancies and those seeking positions. The process has not been

without its lessons.

First, the equitable nature of a clearing house scheme has acted as an incentive for past years graduates to seek places to an extent we had not anticipated.

Second, PACH has been very

effective in enabling chambers to select the most talented. But the system is not there for the ease of the elite, which is why we are committed to improving the sec-ond-round process in future years, giving more time to sift applications, and making the PACH forms more flexible, so that "second-choice" CV information can be presented in the initial application.

The whole scheme will be carefully reviewed to identify ways in which it can be improved. Competition for the Bar is intense, and the long, hard road to practise is not for the fainthearted. But we are determined to ensure that order and fairness

prevail in the selection process for pupillage, as part of our total commitment to the goal that success at the Bar should depend on merit, nothing else. The PACH scheme, modified as necessary in the light of the first year's experience, is an important part of that

Fiona Bawdon finds out why trained witnesses are in demand

EXPERT witnesses are in demand — and not just from lawyers with cases to win.

Two organisations, each aiming to raise standards of expert evidence, are now competing for the hearts, minds and subscriptions of expert witnesses. The Academy of Experts (AE), in its tenth year, is being challenged by the Expert Witness Institute (EWI), which was

launched last Friday. The institute believes there is a need for a non-profitmaking, democratically accountable body to train, accredit and monitor expert witnesses. "The academy has failed to deliver," says Mark Solon. whose company Bond Solon is a will supply it with training. Michael Cohen, the barrister chairman performance or lack of accountabilgeneral meeting where those members who wanted to could turn up. Our accounts were presented having been authorised by chartered accountants who are not members of the academy."

Academy of **Experts** is challenged

Sir Michael Davies, the retired High Court judge chairing EWI's board of governors, is aware that the link with Bond Solon makes it, too, vulnerable to questions about independence. But, he says, the new body is "not the non-commercial arm of Bond Solon". The company is just one supplier and will increasingly take a back seat as the institute gets off the ground. Nor, he adds, does its launch imply criticism of the academy.

There is room for both." Like the academy, the new body boasts an impressive line-up of associates - Lord Woolf as its president and a board of governors including leading solicitors and barristers. Roger Clements, an obstetrician and gynaecologist. says the new body is needed.

although he is a fellow of the academy. "The academy does not give adequate support to experts generally. The institute will be a place you can go to find out how to do your job better." He likens its role to that of a Royal College.

Sir Michael says standards need to be raised. "If I had to mark the experts who appeared in front of me out of 100 the

marks would range from 0-100," he says. On one occasion the expert in an important case appeared in the witness box jacketless, wearing an open-neck shirt and read his report from the back of an envelope. The charity Action for Victims of

Medical Accidents, recognised as setting the gold standard for scrutiny of medical negligence experts, is broadly in favour. Arnold Simanowitz, chief executive, welcomes the emphasis on training but has reservations about an accreditation system. This could, he says, work against victims' interests. A general list might encourage solicitors to think they could pick an expert without the charity's help with the right medical expertise.

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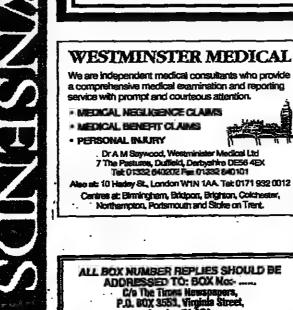
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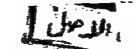


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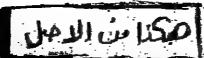
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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on Berlin's new museum of modern art; plus painter Ken Currie's latest show

Old friends met at the station

utside the entrance to Berlin's new Museum of Contemporary Art. trains once rode tracks now hidden by a formal garden. For the building itself was once the Hamburger Bahnhof, the city's oldest railway station. Designed by Friedrich Neumann in 1847 but abandoned years ago, this Neo-Classical landmark has undergone a dramatic rebirth. And its opening proclaims Berlin's eagemess to possess, at long last, a contemporary collection of international

The location could hardly be more symbolic. On the other side of the nearby River Spree, the Federal Parliament's new political centre is developing fast. So is the city's grand new station, intended as a focal point for the European express rail network. They ensure that the museum's building, once marooned in a wasteland horder area of East Berlin, is now at the heart of the city's post-unification plans for expansion. The renewal of the Hamburger Bahnhof also demonstrates a desire to preserve the past amid all the new construction.

But there would be no point in remaining pedantically faithful to the original building in every respect. As you approach the façade, its fresh identity is announced with commendable restraint. Without altering the existing structure, Dan Flavin's specially designed row of seven vertical neon tubes has been added to the central row of arches. Their light blue fluorescence, combined with another installation by Flavin illuminating the open loggia behind with cool green tubes, gives the frontage a discreet, yet lestive glow. It looks welcoming, and prepares visitors for the greater theatrical impact of the main hall.

The hall's muscular cast-iron vaulting is superbly energetic. Dark against the pale grey ceiling. its lean geometry seems appropriate for a 20th-century gallery. Everything is kept simple, creating a purged, brilliantly lucid arena where the museum's most spectacular exhibits are given the space

Most of the major works are on permanent loan from the extraordinary collection formed by Dr Erich Marx. Without his generosity, the museum would lack the clusters of key images that give its principal spaces their identity. Anselm Kiefer is the first artist to assert his presence. Monumental paintings on the side walls convey his brooding, baleful vision of postwar Germany as a land of blackened, burning fields and empty. ruined buildings eerily redolent of the Fascist past.

Kiefer is a powerful sculptor, too. His battered, outsize books, seemingly salvaged from a catastrophe, rest on steel shelves in the central part of the half. So does his grounded warplane, left to rot and yet sheltering within its redundant hulk a chamber filled with seeds.

After the rebarbative Kiefer, the rest of the hall provides contemplative calm. Richard Long. one of only four British artists represented in the collection, fills the centre of the floor with a screnely ordered slate circle. Made this year, surely with this location in mind, it is one



The interior of the old Hamburger Bahnhof, the railway building that now houses Berlin's museum of modern art and (below) the green neon-lit loggia, designed by Dan Flavin

of the most impressive Long Boor sculptures I have seen. Powerfully evoking a sense of epic distance, it counters geometrical harmony with the brittle, energetic interplay of the fragments within the circle:

The final exhibit in the main part of the hall, a colossal glass igloo b Mario Merz, suffers from its position. This transparent form. punctuated by neon-lit numbers from the Fibonacci series, is invaded by the stronger lines of the monumental window beyond, ideally. Merz's sculpture needs a plain white space, so that its fine lines remain undisturbed by surrounding distractions.

No such problem affects the grand East Gallery, a new, lofty and top-lit wing devoted to Marx's favourite American painters. The most cherished of all. according to the prime positions his work occupies, is Andy Warhol. At one end of this immense and daunting concourse, a multicoloured image called Ten Foot Flowers explodes over a doorway. An even larger portrait of Mao Tse-tung presides at the other. Smiling with apparent benevolence, and yet somehow oddly disdainful, this kingsize Chairman provides the collection

with its enigmatic deity. But it is a far less interesting work than the earlier Warhols. made in the first half of the 1960s when he was at his toughest. Marx



bought well here, acquiring among others a smeared and gruesome double-image. Ambulance Disaster, focused near the centre on an inert passenger hanging out of the window. The finest is more restrained: the coal-black Twenty Jackies, based on a celebrated close-up of the blanched, dignified widow at Jack Kennedy's funeral. The relentless multiplication of her stoical face reduces her grief through numbing repetition and at the same time hammers home her

If Marx responds strongly to Warhol's media-based and fameobsessed imagery, he also likes quieter Americans, Nobody could

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be more clusive than Cy Twombly, whose 1955 FreeWheeler is covered with spidery lines. They look like multi-layered scrawlings on a city wall, faded and yet still retaining an unpredictable vivacity. Colour and brushmarks gradually invade Twombly's subsequent paintings, dispersed and hesitant in Empire of Flora but as red as bloodstains in a splashed, headlong oil of 1986, in this respect, the later Twombly

chimes with early Robert Rauschenberg on the opposite wall, above all in the latter's powerful 1954 Pink Door. But Rauschenberg's more recent work has become disappointingly tasteful; he has been

strength as well as Roy Lichtenstein, whose latest variations on Picasso look almost as lean and raw as his 1963 version of Woman in an Armchair, where Picasso's comic book leanings are pushed to a provocative extreme.

museum divides into smaller rooms. Thomas Struth stands out in a space full of photographs, especially his sumptious recent interior view of San Zaccaria in Venice. At its heart hangs Bellini's consummate late altarpiece, in a miraculous state of preservation. But Struth ensures that the surrounding frescoes, and the nearby nave, all contribute to the photo-graph's sense of luminous, hushed

y no means all the artists here emerge with their reputations enhanced. A room given over to Keith Haring's zany, graffiti-like paintings looks lightweight and formu-laic, while a big gallery at the top of the main stairs contains a very uneven selection of the hoisterous painters who made their reputations in the early 1980s. Sandro Chia seems clumsy, Rainer Fetting vapid and Julian Schnabel hamfisted. Surrounded by their overblown canvases. Anish Kapoor's red-pigment floor sculpture appears embattled. His five-piece

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on the Cirano Opera Series (448 966-2), is preferable to the later version. With Puritani it's the other way around. The 1963 set, although it has Sutherland in great form, is

surpassed by the 1973 recording, with Sutherland and Pavarotti at the peak of their

partnership (Decra 417 588-2). Of the Normas, the earlier one

520-2) ever being surpassed.

1000 Names glows with sensuousness and spirituality alike. But Kapoor's work needs a room of its own in order to thrive.

Most of the potent moments in the labyrinth of upstairs rooms, which become confusing to explore, space to breathe Rachel Whiteread's two sculptures look impressive, even though they are bordered on one side by Maria Elchhorn's deeply folded grey curtain. So does BIII Viola, whose 1976 video installation He Weeps For You manages to be funny and mournful at the same time. Another video work, Gary Hill's Crux, performs a similar tragi-comic feat as the cameras follow his stumbling, mar-

tyred movements through a wood. Both these video works were purchased by the Berlin National Gallery, and a number of its other acquisitions can be found throughout the building. Nevertheless, the overall character of the museum is dictated by Marx's holdings. He owns many of the major pieces in the wing where Joseph Benys is given a reverential place of honour. The full range of his work, from blackboards and felt to steel and stone, confirms the shaman-like position he occupies in postwar

● The Hamburger Bahnhof (030 39 78340) is at invalidenstrasse 50/51, Derlin

AROUND THE GALLERIES

A SERIES of stark Head and Neck paintings by Tony Ber-an downstairs at Theo Waddington are complemented by architectural works in which people do not feature, Huge paintings or drawings of institutional corridors lead away from the wall surface perspectively down the "hall". The eye is drawn along the corridor in a subtly extended illusion.

Bevan mixes painting with. drawing in a particular man-ner. He works charcoal into the canvas surface and uses acrylic paint to make an echoing stain.

Tony Bevan Recent Paintings. Theo Waddington, 5a Cork Street, London W1 (0171-494 1584) until Nov 16

A SPARE and subtle exhibition at City Racing extends back in time to an arrangement of neatly repacked col-lapsed cardboard boxes made by Gastav Metzger in 1959. The empty boxes are filled again by folded versions of themselves; they seem to have been organised by an industri-ous shop assistant. Barry Flanagan's piece from 1966, a pile of fine gold sand poured onto the floor in an uninterrupted flow, has been frozen in a heap, with a collapsing peak like a volcano s.

Another room shows three apparently useful sculptural objects from 1974 by Tim Mapson. A row of flat Lean-ing Boards can be leant against while the two wall sculptures - like the row of upside-down cinema seats also have an independent

logic:
Made New, City Racing, 60
Oval Mansions, Vauxhall St.
London SEII (0171-582 3940)

II THE mixed show can be a mixed affair: any obvious rationale may drown individual art, and vice versa. Foll, the first painting exhibition is a relatively new gallery, seen ... to lack elaborate justification. short squiggles of paint-appear to wriggle their way across the sometimes pearly surface. Two and three dimensions play around with each other here. Ed Chell uses the implication of a repeated blur to conjure up a sense of lost detail: historical photographs of biasted landscape or broken city appear to be just out of visual control.

Eugene Palmer paints the same photograph of the same man until heavy horn-rimmed glasses, mouth, eyes and tie shift and change slightly in a visual Chinese whisper. Kathicen Mullaniff shows a neat. well-lit series of back-to-front stencil panels in which creamy paint has been forced through popular lace or tablecloth patterns.

Foil, Bedford Hill Gallery, 202 Great Suffolk St. London SEI (0171-403 4190) until Nov

SACHA CRADDOCK

return to more dramatic paris.

including Puccini's Turandol

(Decca 414 275-2), conducted by Zubin Mehta, In the French repertory,

three sets are outstanding:

Massenet's Esclarmonde

(Decca 425 651-2). Meyerbeer's Les Huguenots (Decca 430

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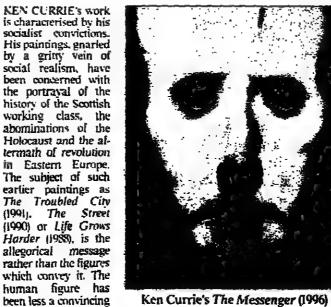
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Ken Currie's The Messenger (1996)

which he is concerned to confront. The pallor of wounded faces seeping into darkness. mouths seaming withering skin, eyes gleaming wetly in shadowed sockets, all evoke a visceral response in the viewer. Currie takes an unflinching look at the effects of violence on bone, flesh and

Yet there is a chill beauty in his work, too. Portraits which might have seemed little more

tions of angst or pain ethereality by Currie's technical mastery as he builds up whisperthin layers of lambent glazes. Blood glimmers against silkily pale flesh. Currie aims to portray what he calls "a pornography of wounds". But it is in their

intimacy that these canvases attain their greatest power. think now that the ideal audience for my paintings is one person," Currie says. "I want the viewer who looks at a work like The Diarist to contemplate and try to understand what sort of

diary this damaged figure could have written." Currie's socialist message remains undimmed. He takes as his motto for his show the old trade union slogan: an injury to one is an injury to all. RACHEL CAMPBELL-

JOHNSTON • Ken Currie is at the Raab Boukamel Gallery, 9 Cork Street, London W1 (0171-287 1740) until

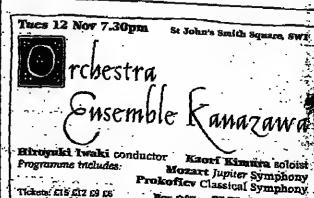
The best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3 A JOAN SUTHERLAND SUTHERLAND shot to fame BUILDING with Donizetti's *Lucia di Lam*mermoor at Covent Garden in 1959. She subsequently record-LIBRARY ed the role twice. The first version (1961), conducted by

Sir John Pritchard, is on two mid-price CDs in Decca's with Marilyn Horne Grand Opera Series (Decca Adalgisa is preferable. 411 622-2); the second is on three full-price discs (Decca 410 193-2). Sutherland is in No reservations whatsoever about Sutherland's other great showpiece in which she and wonderfully fluid voice for the Home match each other's earlier one, but the 1971 revirtuosity: Semiramide (Decca 425 481-2). cording under Richard Bonynge is the more satisfya classic set which has held its ing. Of Sutherland's other Donizetti recordings, it is diffi-

d'Hoffmann (Decca 417 363-2), in which Sutherland and Do-Rossini's own for 30 years. This pointed the way towards Sutherland's

mingo make it the most sausfying Hoffmann on record. Despite Sutherland's great achievements in Italian opera, three French works head my shordist: La Fille du Regiment. Esclarmonde and, top. Les Contes d'Hoffmann.

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THEATRE

Soliloquies my father taught me: Lynn Redgrave prepares for a show of family memories



■ MUSIC

Michael Tilson Thomas breezes into London with the San Francisco Symphony





JAZZ

John Harie's eclecticism seemed better in theory than in practice at the Festival Hall



■ TOMORROW

Can Cameron Mackintosh rescue Martin Guerre? Read the verdict of Benedict Nightingale

Tilting at tradition

THE jazz festival is dead; long live the "jazz" festival. In an era when the ranks of musicians capable of drawing a full house in the concert hall grow thinner each year, it makes economic and artistic sense to reassess the traditional

The organisers of this year's London Festival deserve credit for reaching out to new audiences without opting for bland, populist fusion acts. On the opening weekend John Harle's performance at the Festival Hall took edecticism to its very limits. The themes on the classical saxophonist's new crossover album - given the grandiose

> John Harie Oris Jazz Festival

title Terror and Magnificence reflect a quixotic attempt to marry keletat improvisation and Nyman-esque string arrange-ments, jazz and ecclesiastical modes and a sprinkling of Renaissance and medieval tests. Harle's ambitions are so noble that it seems churlish riot to be swept along by them. In truth, though, the theory outstripped the execution.

There remained moments to savour. The soprano Sarah Leonard, whose wordless vocals enlivened Michael Nyman's Heysel Stadium memorial at the QEH this summer, brought a stately purity to the Tudor lyrics of The Three Ravens. Elvis Costello's voice, much less distinct, evoked a roughhewn honesty in Mistress Mine, three Harle settings originally writ-ten for a Nottingham Playhouse production of Twelfth Night.

Harle has ample experience as a composer for the screen and stage. That, perhaps, explained the short-comings of this concert most of the pieces failed to rise above the level of tasteful incidental mosic. Terrar and Magnificator was one of several compositions undermined by bland string figures more reminiscent of the Penguin Calé



CLIVE DAVIS Lynn Redgrave: "Nothing was expected of me, which can make you think you can't do anything"

A voyage round Lynn's father

THEATRE: Carol Allen meets the youngest of the three

Redgrave siblings on the eve of her West End opening

ynn Redgrave may be the youngest of Sir Michael's three children, but she is usually perceived as the sensible, practical one. Next April she celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of her marriage to John Clark, a former British child star, best remembered for playing radio's Just William in the Forties, and director of her one-woman show Shakespeare For My Father, which opens at the Haymarket Theatre tomorrow. The play, written by Redgrave, is a personal reminiscence of herself and her career, using Shakespeare to illustrate her emotions, rather like, as she puts it, the "old-fashioned book musicals; when a scene reached a certain point you had to break into song".

The Haymarket is the theatre where Redgrave made her West End debut in 1962 with Celia Johnson and John Clements in The Tulip Tree. This week also marks her first appearance on the London stage since she played with sister Vanessa and niece Jemma in The Three Sisters six years ago. Since 1974 Lynn Redgrave and her husband have lived in America, where she works mainly in television and

Like Vanessa and Corin, Lynn has inherited her father's height: but far from the plump and awkward Georgy Girl of the Sixties, Lynn Redgrave today is a svelte and elegant woman of 53, with an open, friendly manner, who gives the impression of being in charge not only of her body but of her life. Perhaps that is why she has the confidence to go on stage and reveal the insecurities of the child she once was and her feelings about the father whom she remembers as a remote and rather trightening figure.

Perhaps it was because I was the youngest, or because of whatevwas going on in his life at the this blank mask and as a child that was of course quite terrifying because you couldn't tell. Was he cross, was he sad, was he pleased, was he thinking, was he listening? Then I would go and see him on the stage. He was the most brilliant, chameleon actor in that physically he changed completely according to the role. So out would walk, say, Richard II and I would think, if I could just get down on the stage and get close enough and touch him, I'll find Dad. It was only when I matured and he was declining with Parkinson's that I could talk to him, although still not with him."

> 6 In my presence my dad wore a terrifying blank mask 9

Redgrave made her acting mark comedy, as the funny and touching star of Georgy Girl, and later with the National Theatre at the Old Vic in such plays as The Recruiting Officer and Hay Fever.

"When I was starting my idol was Giulietta Masina in La strada: I saw myself as the clown with the soul, and in a way I still am. I have this theory that a lot of third children turn to comedy. Maybe it's

our only way to be heard.
"I suppose in simple terms Vanessa and Corin were the ones of whom all things were expected and I was the one of whom nothing was expected, which can be a bonus but can make you think it's because you can't do anything. Certainly when Dad was ill and I would come over from America to see him, I would time, but in my presence he wore come off the plane full of comedy. 8800) tomorrow

almost like the jester. I'm good at telling stories, but even as a middleaged woman I was terrified of the silence falling, because the silences brought me right back to the old me and my fear of him."

In her play Redgrave makes oblique reference to her father's bisexuality, "I didn't know until I was married. Maybe I was naive, maybe I didn't want to know. When found out, of course, suddenly things made sense about my mother and him and I felt a terrific sympathy for his having to keep it

While she is in London Shine. Redgrave's first film for several years, will be shown in the London Film Festival before opening in January. Shine tells the real-life story of the Australian planist David Helfgott, an eccentric, childlike genius who suffered a nervous breakdown when a student at the Royal College of Music, returned to Australia and obscurity, and then reclaimed his career in his late thirties through the support of his new wife Gillian, the role played by Redgrave in the film.

It is tempting to wonder what Sir Michael would have thought about Shakespeare For My Father. So fas the only members of the family who have seen it are his widow, Rachel Kempson, and Vanessa.

'My sister said it gave her a window into me that she never knew and through that into Dad and Mum as well. Mum finds it very cathartic; she loves it. She laughs a lot and she cries a lot.

"There is nothing hurtful in the play. People who knew Dad say he would have loved it. I think he'd be sitting there with a big smile on his face and tears rolling down. He wouldn't have known that I had this in me, nor could he ever have known how sad I feit for him." Shakespeare For My Father opens at

CONCERTS: Fanfare from the West Coast, and a brave Beethoven cycle

Loud colours from America

MICHAEL TILSON THOM-AS made a swashbuckling return to London and the Barbican on Sunday, but this time with the San Francisco Symphony of which he has been music director since September 1995. Part of their first European tour together, this concert presented a loud and colourful portfolio of their recent recording work which has focused on Prokofiev and on American repertoire, including the early works of

Copland's Symphonic Ode, written when the composer was 28, is eager, shamelessly imitative, and fearlessly selfproclaiming. The orchestra-

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tion of Mahler, the sharp, shifting angles of Stravinskian rhythm, the showmanship of jazz it is all there, pealing out in a long carillon of exuberant

orchestral virtuosity. The Ode was matched across the interval, by Lou Harrison's Parade, a fiveminute fanfare written by the San Francisco composer to signal the start of Tilson Thomas's reign with the or-chestra. It immediately conjures up the hedonistic edecticism of a Hong Kong Chinese orchestra and does, in fact, recreate the composer's youthful memories of a San Francisco parade march, com-

plete with Chinese hip-borne

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San Francisco Symphony/ Tilson Thomas Barbican

bell-lyras. Harrison's own orchestral parade also boasts oxygen-tank bells, ranch triangles, a Balinese beil-tree and a

large Javanese gong.
At this point, Debussy's La Mer. just before the interval, seemed little more than a faint echo in a sea-shell; though at the time it had been a vividly colourful performance, with violins bright as phosphorescence in the first section, and brass gusting to gale force in

The evening's grand finale

was Prokofiev's music from the ballet Romeo and Juliet. In a performance which tended to show off the orchestra rather more than the subtle ties of the score, the curtain rose on a sweeping upbeat; hard-edged brass and fearlessly articulated strings whipped up conflict; Mercutio pranced forward as a swaggering wide boy; and the balcony scene expanded to the dimensions of a vast silver

HILARY FINCH

Perl's weighty wisdom

ANY complete cycle of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas is a brave undertaking, but Alfredo Perl's series at the Wigmore Hall is more andacious than most. Still in his early thirties, this Chilean pianist is competing in a very crowded market: several of today's leading players are currently engaged on their own Beethoven cycles, and while many are presenting the same programme in all the world's musical centres before repeating the circuit with another handful of works, Perl is to play them all in London by the end of January. He and the sonatas move on to Moscow in the

spring.
It is bold, too, of the Wigmore Hall to back his series, though his second recital confirmed that he can conjure up the real Beethovenian sound of tradition. His playing is weighty, dark-hued in the lower reaches of the keyboard and crisp at the top. But there was a sameness about each of the four sonatas we heard on Tuesday, as if Perl was insensitive to the very different "personality" of

cach. He was least successful in the early sonata, No 3 in C, with which he opened. The

Alfredo Perl Wigmore Hall

first movement burst out in an over-pedalled blur, and though his eloquent adagio and fiery finale had better balance, his playing lacked the freshness and clarity the notes demand. The performance pointed strongly towards middle or late period Beethoven, making interest ing connections which the music does not quite support.

Not surprisingly, the ma-turer works fared better. Perl caught the ambiguities of he Sonata No 15 in D (Pastorale) with hushed lyricism in the first movement, a thoughtful andante and witty scherzo. His approach to No 16 in G was bold and enjoyable, and he allowed the long adagio to unfold naturally. In the great Les Adieux. No 26 in E flat, he produced a very satisfying mix of poise and passion: the tumultuous finale, true to its extraordinary "Vivacissimamente" marking, suggested that Perl will be most rewarding in the grander sonatas.

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Hotfoot from Beirut welcome to the Caracalla Dance Theatre

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Peacock Theatre



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Dividing the nation, c.1647: Caryl Churchill's study of England in Cromwell's era. goes on tour



THEATRE 2

... while the Glover family father, mother and son - take the corresponding roles in Hamlet

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low-vagrant Brotherton, who is whipped out of one parish and kills her newborn baby in

another; and Star, a Crom-

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that he acquires are tempered

Light Shining in

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by old-fashioned self-interest. The oddity is that all these roles are shared by Mark

Wing-Davey's six-person cast,

so that one moment Briggs

may be thin and balding and

the next chunky and grizzled. This causes confusion for a bit.

but achieves what Churchill

wishes, which is to suggest that the play deals with "a large event involving many people". Moreover, Patrick

Brennan, Amelda Brown, Tim

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and cardigan turn up amid the

sen better than Caryl Churchill's portrait of the Commonwealth era. After all, the Levellers, Diggers, Rant-ers and Cromwellian conservatives she brings onstage at the Gulbenkian, Canterbury, in this case -- were asking the most basic of questions about the most fundamental of matters. What is variously meant by an Englishman's birthright, social justice virtue and God? Pick the right quote from Rain-borough, Ireton or one of Churchill's many invented characters, and you have a ready-made subject for an

essay or a class debate. That is not to say that the play smacks of the schoolroom. Even a longish extract from the Putney debates of 1647 pulsates with first-hand indignation as it becomes clear that a war some hoped would enfranchise the unpropertied is going to end up with pretty much the same electorate and Parliament as before. Churchill's view is, I think, that Cromwell betrayed the masses who had fought for him, but in her hands that conclusion is neither abstract

nor unbalanced. Mostly, the evening consists of short, sharp scenes involving a set of exemplary characters: Briggs, inspired by a hellfire preacher to fight the

Webster and Tim Welton are all admirably versatile actors, capable of convincing you that a set consisting of little but slabs of wire mesh is Commonwealth Buckinghamshire. The odd shopping trolley

Tim Welton in a scene from Caryl Churchill's Light Shining in Buckinghamshire

broad-brimmed hats and Puritan dresses, in an effort to emphasise that a play written in 1976 and involving the 1640s remains of interest today. And so it does, despite a long last scene that somewhat outlives its welcome. Is it really true that the Levellers thought of

themselves as Saxons and their enemies as Normans. transforming class differences into ethnic chasms in modern Balkan style? Are there preechoes of contemporary millennialism in the then common belief that the Messiah was about to descend on

England? As Churchill's play proceeds to the Cottesloe via Brighton, Falmouth and Frome, Bradford and Worthing, it should provide plenty to ponder.

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not fuelled by incestuous anxiety, then what is behind his rancour? Family flails The suspicion that this might be an unilluminating production crept in when Julian Glover's Ghost made his in the dark first entry: armour-clad, certainly, but

Hamlet Norwich Playhouse

TIMOTHY and Samuel West, father and son, are touring the country in Henry IV. playing surrogate father and son, Falstaff and Prince Hal. But family relationships are exactly paralfamily, husband, wife and son, play husband, wife and son in Hamlet. Perhaps not exactly, because Julian Glover has yet to become a ghost, the role he plays in his production, but Isla. Blair plays Gertrude and their son Jamle is the troubled Prince.

She is reported as saying that she and Jamie would not be playing mother and son as an incestuous pair. Jamie's Hamlet tucks his mother's portrait of her new husband neatly into her corsage, but it is a gesture too swiftly done to suggest a longing to hang upon her breasts. But if Hamlet's raging language at the remarriage is

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with nothing spectral about his appearance or movement.

Jamie Glover speaks his first words from the side of the stage, where he sits on the ground staring at the courtiers but not seeing them. There is a catch in his throat as he delivers the "inky cloak" speech that admirably indicates feelings held down by a need for civility, and his later outbursts possess a fine muth.

good reading of the role but her Claudius (Michael Gardiner) is surprisingly retiring. Geoffrey Whitehead's Polonius is evidently the brains of the royal court, and after Hamlet murders him the state disintegrates. Where Polonius advises sensible spying from behind an arras, Claudius devises ludicrous schemes involving poison. In some productions the play's faults can be forgiven but here they are glaring. The duel is well fought, but I was glad to hear Fortinbras at long last bid the soldiers shoot.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Wait for the end

The Bedsit Tabard, Turnham Green

WHATEVER else this review of Paul Sellar's play contains, Jerumy Kingston writes, I long to mention the last two minutes, and of course this is the unforgivable offence. "Don't give away ritics are told. So no about the climax, and no artfully ambiguous phrasing.

Heigh ho. Because what goes on eforehand in this 70-minute thriller is really a long luli before the lightning storm. It's OK, I didn't say lighting. although David Pleydell's work in this department contributes mightily to the nervous mood of the opening and the, ah, nature of the end.

In the dark, a spotlight reveals Polly Bowles in a far corner singing a sad, sour bailad about Willie McBride who died in 1915 fighting the Brits. She is joined by Phillip Hoffman, and then the darkness swallows them and the

spot picks out the banal picture of a hunting scene. Just that, for about a minute until the lights slowly come on full and James Ellis (Brady) is seen sitting in a bare room, looking some what like a Peter Ustinov who has stopped seeing the furmy side of life.

No wonder, because the hard young man he has allowed to share his room and the hard young man's harder colleague are soon with him and behaving with the rudeness of unwelcome guests. They may have beheaded his alsatian in another room, and mon than likely carry instructions to do something nasty to Brady's head, too.

The fascination of the hunting print what Brady calls the "horrendous hullaballoo" of the hunt is that the fox is lonely, frightened and running. In next to no time we have worked out that Brady once belonged to a body of Irish gunmen but fled, sickened by the bloodshed. The ultimatum eventually delivered is: rejoin or die.

Ellis and the younger couple (Cliff Hylands and Andrew Macleani give fierce and clever performances, although the writing requires them to do the equivalent of treading water before the climax I mustn't mention. The director is Michael Friend, head of drama at Hurtwood House, who presented the play.

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by Jenny Pitman as a big baby, he never made it to the racecourse last season but worked at home as well as any of her bumper winners. The five year-old gelding has schooled particularly well over hurdles and is held in high regard.

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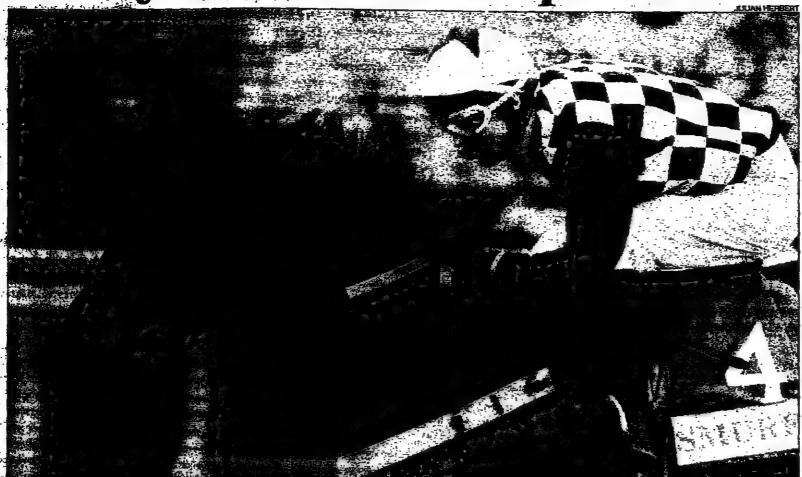
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KIMANICKY: Nicky Hen-derson does particularly well with two-mile novice chasers and it would be no surprise to see this likeable six-year-old develop into an Arkle candidate. His best run last term saw him finish runner-up in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, just ahead of Castle Sweep, Saturday's impressive Tote Silver Trophy winner. Physi-

progress over fences.

ONE MAN: This spectacular chaser, trained by Gordon Richards, has an outstanding record on flat tracks and, after an impressive seasonal debut at Wetherby ten days ago, he looks just the sort for the King George at Kempton on Boxing Day. He does not appear suited by Cheltenham and it would be no surprise to see him sidestep the Gold Cup in favour of the Martell Cup at

SIERRA BAY: Missed last season because of immaturity,

Fergie Sutherland's seven val despite a jumping error at cally, he looks the sort to having run once in a bumper race the previous campaign. However, the absence may prove a blessing this year as Oliver Sherwood's six-yearold has strengthened up and his homework has been particularly impressive.

> SUNY BAY: Unbeaten in his completed starts over fences and still only seven, Charlie Brooks's chaser looks sure to feature in the top staying handicaps, such as the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup and Grand National. This is provided the ground is genuinely good or softer. If this

winter is particularly wet -

similar to two years ago - he might even follow the Master Oats route and emerge as a live Gold Cup candidate.

TREASURE AGAIN: Unlike most of my selections, this old friend is likely to have a fairly low-key campaign and thereby could run up a winning sequence. Despite showing useful form in staying hurdle events, Merrita Jones has always thought he would come into his own as a chaser He is likely to make his fencing debut at Market Rasen later this month. Although he has won on good to firm, he is best on soft.

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2.20 Blazing Dawn 2.50 Uncle Keeny 3.20 Duraid

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.20 CONTRAFIRE.

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3.10 EUROPEAN REFERENS FUND MATTORIAL HERIT MARIES BURDLE (OSABBOT: \$2,262; 20) (5)

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12.30 Mirnose: 1.00 Enchantica. 1.30 Awesome Power, 2.00 Zahran, 2.30 Cee-N-K. 3.00 Matthias Mystique. 3.30 Ged Yakoun, 4.00 Smile Forever. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12,30 Czama. 1,00 HYDE PARK (nep).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: SF-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

12,30 PULLMAN FOODS HANDICAP (Div i: £2,602: 1m) (11 numers)

9-4 Box Moving, 3-1 Grantel, 4-1 Manost, 6-1 Babason, 7-1 Zazdar, 8-7 Capez, 10-1 Sooly Sen, 12-1 others.

1,00 NEWMARKET MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,319: 50) (10) 7-4 Spineled S-4 Hyde Park, S-1 Lady Shel, 7-1 Enchanges, B-1 Stein Engle. 16-1 Center Energing, 12-7 editors

1.30 MIDDLEHAN LIMITED STAKES (Div I: £2,048: 1m 2l) (9)

5-2 August Pines, 3-1 Technick, 9-2 Preside League, 6-1 Te Salighed, 7-1 Smott Austral, 8-1 Rose Tel., 10-1 Roy Pinesys. 14-1 offices.

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409 -950 FANCY DESIGN 18 P Micros 3-6-0. D Wright (S) 7

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2.30 WANTAGE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,955: 61) (11)

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3-1 Benugitions Formula, 9-2 Matthias Mystique, 5-1 Cab Sim No. 6-1 Engine: Bytain 8-1 Coloradge, 10-1 Steephile, 12-1 gillers.

3,30 EPSOM MAJDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,566· 7f) (8)

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Lanka needing one run to

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Legendary leader's influence on team-mates marked him out for footballing glory

Fearless tactician with gift of the gab

arry Gregg, post-Munich hero of Manchester United, had played his first international for Northern treland against Wales at Wrexham, It had been a daunting experience, fresh out of Doncaster Rovers reserves. before Matt Busby signed him for the then record £24,000 for a goalkeeper. The legendary John Charles, a sledgehammer in the air, was to play centre forward for Wales rather than centre half.

Danny Blanchflower had a quiet word beforehand with his big, raw young goalkeeper. Don't worry, son, you'll get everything. And when you do, just throw it out to the right. I'll be there.'

Gregg did, Blanchslower was, It was a turning-point in the youngster's career. Another came during Northern Ireland's celebrated run in the 1958 World Cup. Gregg, still maturing, tended to be quick-tempered, to sense any slight. Again Blanchflower. already 32 but still three years away from what would be the oinnacle of his career as captain of Tottenham Hotspur's Double-winning team. took Gregg to one side.

"You don't need to light people any more," Blanch-flower said, "You're the king. Everyone respects you." They were tough, private words, hard to take, but they found their target. Danny gave me what I couldn't give to myself." Gregg reflected in refirement.
I have no doubt that

Blanchflower was the most intelligent and influential captain, among his colleagues, in the history of his game: far beyond the great figurehead England captains such as Cullis. Wright and Bobby Moore. No British club captain has exercised such understanding of either the game or of players. It was no surprise that Bill Nicholson vainly attempted, Liverpool-fashion, to make Blanchflower his successor as manager in 1974.

On one occasion. Peter McParland, the goalscoring left winger for Aston Villa in the 1957 FA Cup Final and subsequently speciacular scor-er in the World Cup, was lying

David Miller continues our series on great captains by recalling the wise words of the late Danny Blanchflower. whose intelligent leadership and skilful football helped Tottenham to the Double and Northern Ireland to the World Cup quarter-finals



injured at Windsor Park,

It used to be common parlance that wingers are not fashioned upon the anvil of the game. McParland received the attentions of the sponge-man. Blanchflower patted him encouragingly on the shoulder. "Just go out on the wing, for a rest," he quipped. McParland quickly forgot his pain.

Signed by Arthur Rowe from Villa in 1954 to replace Nicholson at right half in Tottenham's now lading league championteam. Blanchs. lower was made captain by Jimmy Anderson, Rowe's successor. He was the first, a revolu-

tionary at the time, to change players' positions during a match. Losing 3-I to York City in the FA Cup sixth round, he sent Maurice Norman from centre half into attack. Tottenham drew and won the replay. He did the same against Manchester City in the semi-final. Tottenham lost 1-0: the the club's directors were furious.

Captaining a Great Britain XI against Europe at Windsor Park. Blanchflower switched John Charles from centre half to centre forward when 2-1

down. Europe scored twice more. Walter Winterbottom, England manager who was in charge of the Britain team, complained bitterly

positive. He defended his authority to act at Tottenham and did so again, pushing forward Tony Marchi when Tot-

back at the dressing-room.

Blanchflower responded:

"What does it matter whether

we lose by one goal or three?

We were doing something

tenham were threatened with 'He was relegation in 1956. Anderson dropalways ped him. After being voted foot-baller of the year fair. He in 1958, Nicholson. never hid' now manager. restored him as cap-

tain the next season. Blanchflower was already privately predicting that they could win the Double with such players as Mackay, White. Cliff Jones and Medwin.

"He had imagination." Nicholson recalled. He perceived what was happening in a game and provided answers. was an able captain because he could communicate so well."

Typically, Blanchflower was a supporter of Jimmy Greaves's attacking metical

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHEST CORRESPONDENT

As more and more readers turn to

The Times, I have decided to review the method by which the

games and chess puzzles in this column can be read. The system

we use is simplified modern nota-tion and it is very easy to learn.

Readers who are comparatively

new to the game, or who have only learned the older English

Descriptive notation, will find

in writing down the moves, each

piece is represented by a letter as

follows except for the powns where

Rook R: Queen Q: King K The squares on the chessboard

are described by co-ordinates, consisting of a letter followed by a

number (see diagram). For in-stance in the final position of the

game. White's king is on the square called "gl". This follows exactly the same principle as

reading a reference on an A-Z street guide or road map. Every-

body can pick this up easily.
Whenever a piece moves, the initial letter of that piece appears at the start of the move. For example,

White's fourth move in the follow-ing game shows that a knight (N)

moves to the square d2. When a pawn moves, only the square on

which a arrives, when the move is completed, is mentioned. A perfect

example is White's first move I d4 twhite pawn goes in d4i in the game which follows and Black's

seamd move 2 . . . & Iblack pawn

goes to edi. Captures are denoted

he an "x" Thus White's third move

in the game, 3 dxe5, shows that

White's pawn on the d-file captures

on ef Note that check is always

denoted by a -- .

no special symbol is used.

what follows helpful.

Reading chess moves

TOMORROW

John Woodcock makes his choice of the

best leader to step onto a cricket pitch

creator, moaned during a match against Burnley that Greaves was doing no work in midfield, Blanchflower retorted: "When you score 30 goals a season, you can go and stand up there with him.'

In a pre-match talk before playing England, Peter Doh-erty, the Northern Ireland manager, told Bertie Peacock, the Celtic wing half, to stick close to Greaves. "Don't bother," Blanchflower said. "Jimmy will still score. Every Saturday some wing half tries to stop him and fails. You're better doing your own con-structive thing for us." Northern Ireland drew.

tive, positive, always fair. "He never kicked anyone," Gregg recalled, "and he always wanted the ball. He never hid." When Doberty once advocated to Northern Ireland defenders bringing down an opponent as a last resort, Blanchflower was indignant. "That's a sin." he insisted. "you have to play by the rules.

Blanchflower was innova-

When Northern Ireland memorably beat England 3-2 at Wembley in 1957, Winterbottom, interviewed afterwards, said he thought that Ireland had been lucky. Blanchflower, standing with him, quipped: "If that's luck, I'd rather be a lucky team than a good team."

Blanchflower's upbeat team talks were something special. Going with Doherty to watch the former West Germany, the defending world champions, before the Northern Ireland match against them in 1958, they were both in awe. "A great team." Doherty said afterwards.

"Right," Blanchilower said, "when we get back to the camp, we just say they can't With Blanchilower, Jimmy McIlroy and Peacock supreme in midfield, Northern Ireland drew 2-2 and went on to reach the quarter-finals.

When Tottenham's Double team, plus Greaves, became aside the pessimism. the first English club to reach a European final, the Cup Winners' Cup against Atlético Madrid in 1963, Nicholson's pep talk was sombre. Characteristically, he warned his men



Blanchflower lifts the FA Cup after Tottenham's win over Leicester in their Double season

of Atlético's many attributes. When he had finished, Blanchflower, now 37 and only a few weeks back from a cartilage operation, swept

"If their centre half is big and ugly, then ours," — and he glanced at Norman, then the England centre half — "is even bigger and uglier." And so on, right through the Tottenham

THE unacceptable face of ice

hockey was seen in Sheffield

on Sunday when the Steelers

and Basingstoke Bison met in

a game that featured a brawl,

away win over Bracknell Bees and enabled the Steelers to

hold on to second place in the

Superleague, a point behind

The Devils had a remark-

able weekend, beating Bas-ingstoke and Bracknell with-

out conceding a goal. Frank Caprice shut out the Bison

while Stevie Lyle saved all 27

Cardiff Devils.

Kick-off 730 untess stated

Lincoln v Southampton (7 45) Luton v Wimbledon (7 45)

Barnsley v Norwich (7 45)

Shrewsbury v Bristol Flovers

St Johnstone v East Fife (7 45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier di-

Sell's Scottish Lazgue First division

13 Oxford v Hudd field

Coca-Cola Cup Third-round replays

Nationwide League First division

Second division

team, making them laugh, lifting their confidence. Totten-

ham won triumphantly. Blanchflower was every-one's mentor: mine as a young journalist. He believed, above all, that the game is first about glory, much more than winning. It is a precious philosophy, long abandoned. Against Poland in a World

Cup tie, Blanchflower con-

ICE HOCKEY

Sparks fly in Steelers clash

By Norman de Mesquita

of Bracknell's shots. New-

castle Cobras won both of

their weekend games to stay in

Nottingham Panthers is-

joint second with the Steelers.

sued a statement yesterday making it clear that the club is

unhappy about the length of suspension dealt out to Marty

Yewchuk, of Cardiff, after an

incident in a recent game in

Nottingham in which the Part-

thers player, Darryl Olsen,

Yewchuk was originally

suspended for nine games but,

after an appeal, that was

extended to the end of the year-

Cardiff's lawyers found this

broke Superleague rules and

the suspension has been re-

duced back to nine games.

- the equivalent of 22 games.

trived something never seen before or since. In the event of a penalty, which they did get, McIlroy was to tap the ball sideways and Blanchflower would then dribble round the goalkeeper. This they did: An istonished referee unnecessary ily made them take it again. McIlroy scoring. It personified Blanchilower's unique think-

prospect of Yuchuck playing

against us this weekend with

neither the league, and cer-

tainly not his club, imposing

anything like what we would

penalty for such an ugly and

David Temme, who is chair-

man of the Superleague and also chairman of Cardiff Dev-

ils, said: "Under the rules of the Superleague, nine games

In Sheffield this evening,

Great Britain continue their

attempt to qualify for the 1998

winter Olympics against Slo-

venia, whom they beat 5-4 last

January. With eight points

from five games. Britain are second in their group to Swit-

zeriand with games to come against the leaders (at home)

Piest round: Eastwood Town v Harrogate Town: Fliston v Droytsden; Netherfield v Grethe; Stocksbridge FS v Matlock Town, Workington v Whitely Bay. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Milvati v Arsenal (2.0): West Harn v Brighton (at Degenhem and Redbridge FC, 2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham v Everion (at Hednestoro Town FC, 7:15); Didham v Derby (at Statybridge Cettle FC, 7:0) Second division: Rotherham v Mansfield (20).

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v Bernstaple

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:
O'BrienvMcKenzie Butchers premier di-vision Cup: Arleasy Town v Brache Sparts: Happenden v Royston: Langford v Toddingson.

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Final: Linfield v

Second division: nouvernment (7.0); Stockport v Bradford (6.45)

and Holland (away).

is the maximum allowed."

ricious attack.".

hand, Danny Morrison bowled Sajeeva de Silva with this third ball and then had Muttiah Muralitharan caught by Stephen Fleming in the slips off his The tie — both teams scored 169 — was a tribute to the compelling come-back of New Zealand, for whom Morrison finished with five for 34 after Arjuna Ranatunga had pulled Sri Lanka round, from 98 for slx, with a patient 34. Herbert boost Motor racing: Johnny Herbert is unlikely to be a team-mate of Michael Schumacher again but he will be driving a car powered by Ferrari next season, it emerged yester-day (Oliver Holt writes). The Swiss Sauber team, who have confirmed that Herbert will remain with them next season, announced yesterday that they have reached an engine-supply agreement with the Italians. Ferrari has provided engines to other teams before but this time the project will be reinforced by the presence of Osamu Goto, the former Honda engineering leader, who has overseen the development of Ferrari's switch from a V12 to a V10 engine

Thrilling play

Rugby union: New Zen-land opened their defence of the World Rugby Classic in Bermuda on Sunday with a thrilling exhibition of 15-man rugby, defeating a committed but outclassed Argentina XV 60-10. The second game of an opening double bill at National Sports Stadium, South Africa versus the United States, was rescheduled delayed the arrival of the South African team.

Policy change

Athletics: Britain's marathon-selectors have bowed to pressure and changed their policy for the world championships next year. The Flora London Marathon next April will now be used as a trial race and selection will be guaranteed to the first British man and woman not already chosen for the champion-

ships in Athens.

Duo honoured Rowing: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent were the first parsmen to be recognised by the Rowing Hall of Fame, which was launched by the River and Rowing Museum Foundation yesterday to acknowledge outstanding con-

tributors to rowing. True Blue mutiny, page 17

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This hand led to a big swing when an imaginative lead scored heavily against the more pedestrian one found at the other table.

Dealer North	North-South game		IMP
+08854 ¥5 +K987 +A87	+AKJ93 YK884 +AQ +KQ N -W E	+2 +102 +106432 +J10964	
w	N	E	B
Pass Pass	25 4 NT 6 H	Pass All pass	3 H 5 D

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: five of species

I think it is better to open Two Clubs or 2 NT on the North hand. After the spade lead declarer put up dummy's ace. drew trumps, and fed a second spade to the king. When he saw that no long spade could be established he had to fall back on the diamond finesse and this gave him the slam. It all looked perfectly routine but at the other table, after exactly the same bidding. West led the nine of diamonds. Not knowing that the spades were breaking 5-1, declarer put up the ace of diamonds, drew just one round of trumps with the ace the would have needed three entries to dummy to enjoy a long spade if the suit had broken 42), and played off two top spades. East ruffed and South was two down. There was a sound reason

GRAMINIVOROUS

a. Huge, mighty

c. Grass-eating

STEGOPHILIST

b. Sarcastic

b. A nudist

for the diamond lead. West knew that one of the main break badly for declarer. That made it a good policy to present South with an early decision in diamonds. It was a reusonable break in another

☐ The Seniors Congress was held in Coventry over the

RESULTS, Saga pairs; 1, J Alper and Uljacobson, 2 G Faulkner and K Stanle, 3 G Stamford and P Chavannaz, Swiss pairs; 1, D Gnt-liths and T Odoms, Swiss teams; 1, J Monaghan B Rowlands M Hurst and

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

DEFENESTRATION a. Breaking windows h. Breaking wind c. Throwing from a great

height SUGGILATE a. To tempt

a. A collector of beermats b. To lambast e. An ecclesiastical substitute e. A climber of buildings Answers on page 50

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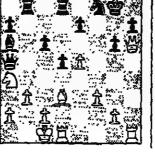
By Philip Howard

suits, spades, was going to certain that he would refuse the finesse if all he needed was

The following win by Alekhine demonstrates the principles of simplified modern notation perfeetly, but an important point to note is White's possibility of the en passant capture on move 24. Although Black's pawn on b7

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bellini --Raber, Geneva 1996. The black kingside is extremely short of defensive units. How can White cash in?



six ejections, including both goaltenders, and a total of 178 Budapest Counter-Gambit minutes in penalties. The teams still found time to play some hockey, though, and the Steelers won 7-4, with Ken Priestlay and Nicky Chinn each scoring twice. Their victory followed a 4-2

moves directly to b5. White can, or

the next move only, avail himself of the opportunity to capture on bo.

This Alekhine promptly does.

White: Alexander Alekhine

Black: Savielly Tartakower

London 1932

dres Nd2 Ngl3 Ngl3 Ngl3 Ne4 Nc5 Nc6 Cle7 g6 Nxe5 Nxe5 Nxe5 Nxe6 O-C Clo8 c6 d6 Qc7 Bd7 9 0-0 Re? Nc3

Diagram of final position 111 7

19 Red1 21 Nxd6 Nub2 Rudô Bt:7 Kaj8 Brc6 31 Rb6 32 Rb8 Rxa7

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WINNING MOVE

A Panthers spokesman said: "We are faced with the TODAYSTXTHES

Panthers spokesman

ICIS LEAGUE: Pramier division:
Boreham Wood v Yeovil (7.45); Hendon v Oxford City (7.45); Heydronge v Suriers Kingstonien v Greys, First division: Walton and Herzham v Basengstoles Sacond division: Bedford 7 v Leatherhead: Leighton v Bracknell

UNIBOND LEAGUE Premier division:
Barrow v Marme; Colwyn Bay v Chorley;
Frickley v Blym Spertans 17.45). Geinsborough v Aliretan; Gulseley v Budon
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McGeechan calls for united front from the unions

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

McGEECHAN, the discovered they were not recoach to the British Isles party that will tour South Africa next summer, called yesterday for the governing bodies in the home unions to put aside their ifferences and work towards a feasible European structure for the 1997-98 season. "Surely we can plan a season where everyone - clubs, players and unions — can benefit," McGeechan said.

Normally the most phiegmatic of men. McGeechan admitted he was angered by the events of last week, which affected players at Northampton, where he is director of rugby. Nor was his anger mollified by the dramatic 9-6 win over the league champi-ons, Bath, at the weekend. His ire is directed at the England management's casual treatment of the Northampton half backs, Man Dawson and Paul Grayson, and the demands of the Ireland team management in advance of the international regainst Western Samoa at

Lansdowne Road this evening. "We try to make players. capable of appearing at international level and the least England can do is use them in a constructive way and not leave us to pick the pieces up." McGeechan said. Dawson and Grayson, the England half backs last season in a

quired against Italy on Novmatch squad was formally announced. McGeechan's primary con-

cern, however, is to avoid clashes of interest in which key players are missing for significant league games. January 18 will be a case in point, as a full league programme in England has been scheduled on the first weekend of the five nations' championship. Yet it is possible to envisage a situa-tion in which 15 Irishmen, nine Scots and three Welshmen, all from English clubs, will be required for championship matches, never mind A internationals, which may be played the same weekend.



Lucking's move north proves no barrier

NOW that the senior England party has been named - the quad to play Italy meets at Bisham Abbey for training lumorrow — the management. has turned its thoughts to the intensive programme of A matches scheduled for mid-December (David Hands writes). Three games in four against Argentina, South Africa and Queensland, should ensure places for

COMPORTOW Among the dozen players who are new to the national squad is Andrew Lucking, the off oin student who has locked the Edinburgh scrum in the Heineken Cup this season. Lucking plays club rugby for Currie, which at least reverses a trend of Englandbased players heading north across the border to play for,

BNGLAND A SCUAD: C Casting (Glouces let), M Beel (Northempton), J Mellinde (Suet: J Fellon, Richtsprot), T Underwood

"You don't have a situation in New Zealand where Zinzan Brooke has to consider whether he plays for Auckland or the All Blacks and we shouldn't have it here," McGeechan said. "But we have with-compenitions organised by the unions, not by the clubs. Nor was there much sensitivity shown in the handling of the problem, which suggests the unions do not have much feel for the demands of the profes-

The five nations have to establish a joint policy on fixtures; on refereeing, on substitutes, of which there is no sign at the moment. This has to be a partnership between unions and clubs. The unions seem to want to take and not give anything. They must show some understanding of what it takes to run a successful club or provincial

-The results of Ireland's lengthy preparations will be seen today, both in the senior international and the A international against South Africa at Donnybrook. The squad has been together since last Thursday and though Ireland did not train for the game with the Samoans yesterday, their supporters will hope that successive days of intense physical work will not have taken too much out of them.

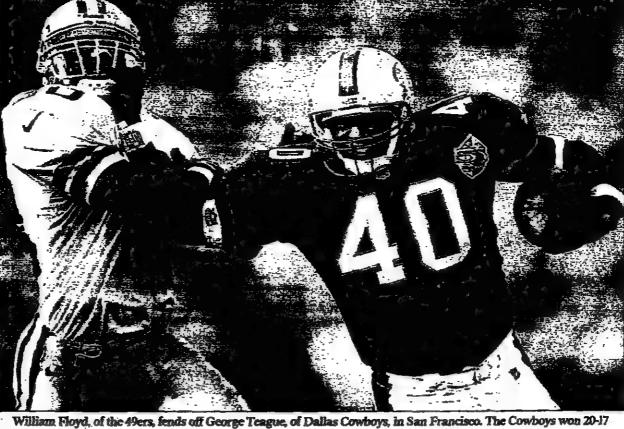
It will be a demanding match, Il days ahead of the meeting with Australia. Murray Kidd, the Ireland coach, watched the Samoans' opening match against Saracens and will have warned his players of the potential of the touring team's back division, reinforced now by Va'aiga Tuigamala and organised from stand-off half by Earl Va'a, a recruit last August

Yea, a Jectum Inst August from rugby league.
RELAND: S J P Mason (Richmond): R M. Weltone (Stracems), R A J Handeson (London Irah), J C Bell (Notherpool), J A Topping (Belyment): D G Hampings (London Insh), N A Hogen (Chord Linesony): capter), N D Harley (Mossley).
A J H Clarke (Nothershoot), P S Weltone

Edites, (b 1, lb 5, w 4, rb 2) ____ . 12

Total (48 overs)

Man of the match. D K Momaco



Elway's rebirth helping Broncos to buck their downward trend

NFL DETAILS

IN THE United States they love stories about true grit and old-timers in search of the one big prize that has eluded them. From Paul Newman and his pursuit of an Oscar to Joe Torre, the coach of New York Yankees, and his tilt at the baseball world series, the melodrama of it all is a guaranteed winner.

John Elway may not be in quite the same age bracket but, sure enough, people are beginning to get excited about aiready labelling it The Second Coming, and Elway, so tall and blond he could have stepped out of one of those sepia-tinted collector's cards from the 1950s, is doing his best to oblige.
The Denver Broncos team

that he leads won the ninth of their ten games this season on Sunday and are slowly emerging as Super Bowl favourites.
That is partly because
Green Bay Packers, who lost 27-20 to Kansas City Chiefs, have been weakened by the loss of Robert Brooks and because Dallas Cowboys, who sneaked a 20-17 win over their arch-rivals, San Francisco 49ers, are not the team they

vere last year. The reputation of the Broncos, who have failed to make

past four seasons, has been built on the renaissance of the man who has always been their heart and soul, a revival that has been reinforced by the rushing of Terrell Davis and the influence of a new

coach, Mike Shanahan. Elway, 36, led the Broncos to three Super Bowls in the 1980s but each ended in defeat and, as Denver's mantle as the nearly men was assumed by Buffalo Bills, he and his teammates faded into the background. Earlier this season.

after the Broncos' sole defeat against the Chiefs, the knives came out for the quarterback and there were calls for him to be replaced by a younger man. Even Elway himself began

to believe the criticism. "It's almost like 1 was brainwashed," he said. "When all you hear and talk about is how old you are, it starts to sink into your mind. For a while, I was believing what everybody was writing, that I was old

and couldn't move any more. "Then, one day a couple of months ago, I just decided to

1 to 3 1 to 3 in

say: To hell with it. I'm tired of worrying about it. I'm going to run around if I need to and if it doesn't work, fine,' It was an awesome decision. I probably should have done it a heck of a lot earlier.

The Broncos' 17-12 win over Chicago Bears on Sunday left them with the best record in the National Football League. Elway, who has missed only eight starts because of injury in a 14-year career, threw one touchdown pass and Davis ran for another score to give Denver their sixth successive

The Cowboys, who were aided by the forced removal of Steve Young the 49ers' quarterback, for the second game running because of concussion, rescued their season with their narrow overtime win in San Francisco. "We were desperate. We had to win, and now we are back in the race," Troy Aikman, the Cowboys quarterback, said.

Atlanta Falcons appear to be entering a race all of their own, norwithstanding the deficiencies of New York Jets. Both teams have lost nine of Jets, who lost narrowly to New England Patriots, appear to be improving and are waiting for Falcons are sinking ever deeper after a 59-16 pummelling by St Louis Rams.

Scots head group in triple treat for Asia

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES

THE opening, last year, of the first indoor bowls sta-dium in Asia has revolutionised bowling in Hong Kong, where outsorts — has been played since 1908, and the outdoor International Classic has been staged for 13 years.

Yesterday saw the launch of Asia's first international lawn bowls event to be played not on grass but on carpet, when the Hong Kong International indoor triples tournament got underway at the Hong Kong Football Club.

The Happy Valley racecourse was extended last year, depriving the foot-ball club of its bowling green. In compensation, a been laid within the perimeter of the track, and an indoor stadium of a quality exceeding anything ex-isting in Europe has been erected, courtesy of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey

Pairs from 11 countries were joined by amateur members of the local club to form pro-am triples. The Scots, who kick-started bowls in Hong Kong 90 years ago, and the Austra-lians led their respective groups, and looked likely qualify for the semi-

finals tomorrow. Scotland won games out of three yesterday and can afford to slip up today. Australia, though, who won two out of three, will be hardpressed by England, Ire-land, and a local club triple that includes Hong Kong's exuberant Tony Tong, who has qualified for the world indoor singles championship at Preston in January.

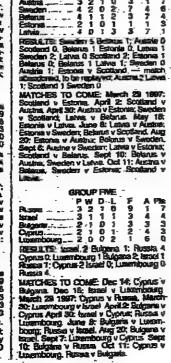
The move indoors has taken the New Zealand pair by surprise. Andy Curtain and David File, who did well on heavy greens in the pairs last week, were thought to resembles more closely the grass of home. They lost all three matches, however, and are virtually out of the hunt.

FOR THE RECORD

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RADIO CHOICE

IF IT is November, it must be Telford. At the end of a long hard season, the best that Britain can muster gather to sample the murky delights of the Telford International Centre to sort out the pecking order of British tennis.

Over the years, it has been a depressing affair, but now, for the first time since 1978 and the days of John Lloyd and Buster Mottrani, Britain has two men in the top 50 of the world rankings. If all goes according to plan, Tellord promises an interesting showdown between Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski come the

final on Sunday. For most of the year, Henman has been the centre of attention, as he has climbed the rankings from No 95 at the

RUGBY LEAGUE

Murray on

the move

to Wigan WIGAN yesterday added

David Murray, 2l, the

Auckland Warriors full back, to their overseas quota on a three-year contract (Christopher Irvine writes). Murray made a big impression in the New Zealand Maoris' recent defeat of Great Britain. The domestic transfer market might be kick-started if Leeds, new bid-

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end of last year to a career-high of No 25 a couple of weeks ago. Since then, he has slipped slightly to No 27, but Henman's place as torch-bearer of British hopes for the

future is assured.

Henman's meteoric rise has been stirring stuff for the public, who for years have been waiting patiently for the emergence of a potential champion. His success, initially at least, was helped by a break, because of injury, at the end of 1994 and a slow start to

At the beginning of this year, he had no points to defend on the ATP ranking computer and the only way was up. As his ranking has risen, so he has gained direct entry into the big events for the

Alix Ramsay looks ahead to the probable encounter between Britain's leading men

first time, adding to his points tally and his bank balance.

Herman has made the most of his chances but it has been a long haul. Telford will be his 28th tournament, not counting his two Davis Cup appearances. He has reached five semi-finals, a further two quarter-finals, including Wimbledon, and won the silver medal with Neil Broad in the doubles at the Olympic

Games in Atlanta. Recently, though, the tiredness has been showing. His last semi-final was in Ostrava last month and, since then, he has not won a match. losing in

the first round in Stuttgart. Paris and Moscow.

Next year will be harder still. He must repeat the successes of 1996 to maintain his ranking and do better to improve it. The schedule is fierce, the other players have seen Henman and what he has to offer. Now the real work starts.

His coach, David Felgate, the manager of men's national training for the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), will do his bit. Next year, he will travel full time with Henman while Jeremy Bates eases into retireduties at the LTA, Or, at least, he will once Henman is finished in Telford, where his first-round opponent is David Draper, from North Hants. Rusedski has spent the year

in Henman's shadow. It has not been easy, either. While Henman scaled new heights, Rusedski's ranking has been on the slide, sinking from No 37 at the start of the year to as low as No 84. He has taken on the big men, sometimes pushed them hard, but has never quite done enough to beat them as he searches for another weapon to go with his

intimidating service. Lately, though, the work seems to have paid off. in September, the Canadianborn Briton reached the semiPeking and made the quarterfinals in Stockholm last week. That has pushed him back into the top 50, where he sits at No 48. He starts his campaign in Telford with a first-round encounter against James Fox.

game in Britain looked as healthy as the men's. The three top seeds, Sam Smith, Rachel Viollet and Clare Wood, have all had a spell as British No I this year, but that is not saying much. Smith, the world No 137, is highest-ranked at present, while Viol-let and Wood linger at No 225 and No 241 respectively. Whoever wins the women's event in Telford this week, the impact on the world will be

Perry Pontac's outrageous comedy offers an alternative version of Queen Victoria's endless bereavement. Visited by Disraeli (Peter Queen William Margolyes) would have split its sides to hear, the Queen (Miriam Margolyes) regales him with classic non-sequiturs such as "I miss him terribly at times. He invented the corkscrew, you know." She also imports the information—inexplicably absent from every history book I have read—that she and Albert had indulged in "connubial intimacies" on only nine occasions. Most spectacular of Pontac's disclosures, she suggests an arrangement whereby Disraeli — "my swarthy nomad"—could boost that total considerably. After Albert, Radio 4, 2.00pm. the British No 16. Would that the women's

Meridian: Who is the Monster? BBC World Service, 11.30am. Dracula, Frankenstein's monster, the psychotic Norman Bates, and the flesh-gobbling Hannibal Lecter are all present and incorrect in Quentin Cooper's history of the horror film. Christopher Frayling of the Royal College of Art traces the horror impulse back to the cave artists of Lascaux who, he theories, tamed their fears of mammoths and other Stone Age beasties by turning them into art. I wonder: weren't they rather paying homage to the animals that fed and clothed them? The sci-fi novelist Kim Newman impressively takes monsters out of the supernatural context and presents them as monsters out of the supernatural context and presents them as political and scientific metaphors.

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9.30 Grains of Sand. Martin Buckley visits the deserts of northern Iran to explore Marco portion in the explore March Pole's legend of the Old Man of the Mountains

9.55 Aldeburgh Festival 1996, Includes George Benjamin (Purse inventions); Takemitsu (Archipelago S), Colin Maittiews (Hidden Vanalolas)

10.45 Nifrit Wanase Archipes

10.45 Night Waves, American short-story writer Tobias Wolff discusses his first collection In ten years. The Night in Question, which explores different ways people rewrite heir own live

11.30 Composer of the Week:
Percy Grainger, Includes
Benjamin Britten conducting
the English Chamber
Orchestra and the Ambrosian
Singers (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes (satures the

Don Weller Quartet 1.00 Through the Night

6.30 Chambers, by Clive Coleman, With John Bird, Jernes Reat, Lesley Sharp

and Jonathan Kydd (4/5) (!)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4, with Roger Wilces
8.00 Science Now (!)
8.30 The Spirit of Place: The

Music of Living Landscapes, by Wilson Harris A senes of newly

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58

Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Cail Nick Rose

10.00 News, Waiston Goes

Walkinbout (FM). New series.

Walston seeks out the

Oliver Walston seeks o South-East Asia of his

10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Walts, Barbara Myers looks back at 50 years of medical

photography and examines to role in modern health care 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Hoard 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with

Sheens MacConeid 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

2.00 News, Thirty Minute
Theatre: After Albert. See Cholos 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with

Daire Berson
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
Paul Vaughan reads and
reviews children's books. He asks how fiction for less

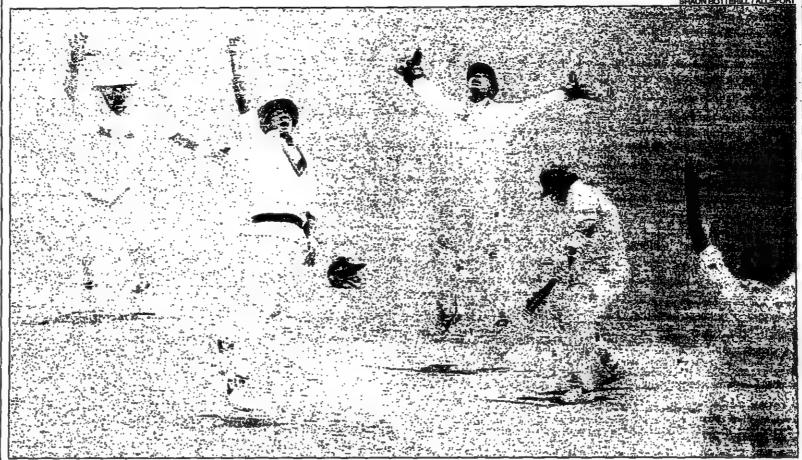
asks how fiction for leeragers can compete with videos and computer games, and examines the growing market for children's audio books. Short Story: Statike Skin.

Becomes Her, by In. Becomes Her, by Jo Hughes Jessica has got a date, but she can't decide what to wear - until she meets Vivien. Reader Karin

Diamond 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

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finals in Singapore, won in ment by taking on Felgate's CRICKET: SOUTH AUSTRALIA SWEPT ASIDE AS ENGLAND A STAGE STIRRING RECOVERY



White, left, and Butcher voice their appeals as Hegg, the England A wicketkeeper, catches Nielsen off the bowling of Giles yesterday

Headley leads mission improbable

guys in the first team who had

better not sit on their laurels

of wickets in the third over of

the day, inducing Greg

Blewett, a candidate for the

Australia Test side, to edge

behind for his second duck of

the match. When Headley had

Jamie Siddons leg-before, the

Headley began the tumble

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

ENGLAND A have already shown a propensity to collarse under pressure that is reminiscent of the senior team but. at the Adelaide Oval yesterday, they discovered a quality that the Test side has yet to master - a remarkable talent for recovery

resigned as general man-ager of both the Australian Seemingly heading for de-feat, the A team staged a Rugby League and the magnificent comeback to claim a 12-run victory over South Australia. Despite

being reduced to ten men over next year." Gatting said. the pitch at the umpire. Ashley Joe Scuderi, standing at the "I would think there are a few Hunter, before returning to non-striker's end, appeared because of Darren Lehmann's commitment to appear in a Northern Territories XI facing West Indies in Alice Springs today, the Sheffield Shield holders were not expected to have any difficulty in scoring the 164 runs required for victory after resuming at six without loss. Yet

England produced a performance bristling with aggression to dismiss them for just Dean Headley, the Kent fast Help us get

howler, again stated his case for promotion to the Test side by claiming five for 38, to finish with career-best match figures of 11 for 98. The performance led Mike Gatting, the A team coach, to champion Headley's claims for full England recognition. This good news for England

hecause we need another

strike bowler, particularly

with the Australians coming

South Australia captain stood his ground and stared down SCOREBOARD FROM ADELAIDE

for too long."

Second Innings

Johnson trudged off the pitch. ended their 70-run stand. Headley then dismissed Jason Gillespie and Peter McIntyre

J N Gillespie b Headley
P E McIntyre flow b Headley
M A Hanny b Gilet
D S Latmenn absent Total (63.2 overs).... FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-38, 3-38, 4-41, 5-59, 6-129, 7-150, 8-150, 9-157

and Siddons and would be further action was expected.

ENGLAND A: First Incings 294 (M A Buscher 73 WK Hegg 69, C White 61 M A Hammy 4-611 Second Innings 161 (P E Mcm-re 4-43)

G S Blewer a Hegg to Headley B A Johnson o Holinake to Headley *J D Siddona two b Headley

the pavilion.

James Brayshaw fell to the

next ball, run out attempting a

risky single, and South Aus-

tralia's sinking morale was

evident in the outright dissent

shown when Headley struck

Ben Johnson was unable to

control a lifting ball from

Headley and Adam Hollioake

caught him at second slip. As

again in the next over.

Uniques AJ Hunter and R G Keynear.

BCN/LING Headley 20-8-38-5, Harris 9-0-30-0, Editam 6-0-18-0; Gles 14.2-3-28-3; White 8-3-12-0; Hollicake 4-1-12-0; Vaughan 2-0-14-0, naming them in their report of the match to the Australian Cricket Board, although no

SNOOKER: DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOW THAT GULF IN ABILITY IS CLOSING

World Cup succeeds in spreading gospel

SCOTLAND, represented by Stephen Hendry, John Higgins and Alan McManus. won the World Cup here on Sunday, but for those privileged to attend this groundbreaking, cosmopolitan event. a more significant victor was snooker itself.

The game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), insists that the spreading of the greenhaize gospel is a top priority and, to this end, the World Cup was highly successful. A record total of 39 coun-

tries made up the original entry, with 20 competing in the final stages. Established hotbeds of the game dominated the business end of the tournament as expected but developing nations such as China, who beat Thailand 5-4 in the round-robin phase, and Belgium, equally surprising 5-4 conquerors of Northern Ireland, showed that the gulf in ability is closing rapidly.

ranking competitions will be held overseas this season two in Thailand, the German Open and the European Open in Malta - and the theory that snooker is purely a British pursuit with a few colonial offshoots is no longer true. Inevitably, there is much ites and Ireland.

The overall quality snooker on display at the Amari Watergate Hotel was less impressive than usual at the highest level. As always, in locations where air conditioning is a necessity, the tables, particularly during the early stages, were sluggish but, if anything, the stop-start format had even more of a detrimental effect on the general standard,

With no player at the table for two consecutive frames, rhythm was as hard to find as a clear road in this most congested of urban jungles. Add to that the intense, and in many cases, unaccustomed pressures of playing for team and country rather than merely as an individual, and the many scrappy exchanges became understandable. The ridiculously late finish-

es - no day's play reached its

"King of Kings" gold trophy, which was valued at £30,000. Stephen Hendry, the world

champion, who defeated Stephen Murphy in the closing frame, said: "In many respects I felt under more pressure out there than I do at the Crucible. It really has

WORD WATCHING Answers from page 48 GRAMINIVOROUS

STEGOPHILIST (c) One whose strange hobby is climbing up the outside of tall buildings. "So you're suffering from fear of heights now, deares?" Hamm. Have you ever thought of trying a little

(a) The act of throwing someone (or something) out of a window, from the Latin de down from + fenestra a window. An historic practice in Prague as well as the risk that stegophilists run. The word is neologism's paradigm and justification. If the word were not needed to describe the act, the act would have to be performed to validate the word. SUGGILATE

nineteenth time by a hearty enthusiast soliciting money in the street for a dodgy religious organisation, say, with a sweet smile. "I'm terribly sorry — I cannot manage a cash donation at this moment in time. But I could offer a suggilation, if you would take that instead." take that instead."

Action programme showed how war has cost thousands of Alghans one or both legs or hands through mines, or the use of them through polic. Since 1986, Sandy Galf's Afghanistan Appeal has specialised in the making and fitting of artificial limbs and providing after-care

Afghanistan

back on its feet.



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"Last night's World in

people, most of whom can now work and lead nearnormal lives. We have a new clinic and workshop in Kabul. Now we need money to equip and run it. Will you help us?

(A new leg costs around £40 to make). Send what you can afford, and we can literally put Afghanistan back on its feet."

Souly Gall AFGHĂNISTAN

Four of the ten world-

for the next World Cup. scheduled for 1999. Rumoured to be on the shortlist are Brazil. for so long the front-runner to play host this year, the United Arab Emir-

conclusion before 1.15am local time - were also a negative Despite these handicaps, which proved an effective leveller, the best team

emerged victorious. The 10-7

victory by Scotland over Ire-

land in the final secured the

£105,000 first prize and the heen an honour for me to be

involved in all of this." It will be interesting to see how the game's pre-eminent force deals with a more personal degree of pressure as be attempts to win the United Kingdom championship for a third year in succession. The event begins on Friday.

question the legality of

Hollioake insisted: "When

you think you've caught a ball.

you ask the umpire to make a

decision and they gave it out,

and whether that's right or

wrong, you can't complain."

an unbeaten 55, found a

stubborn partner in Bradley Young before Ashley Giles

in successive balls and al-

though Scuderi denied the hat-

trick, Giles wrapped up victory by bowling Harrity

The umpires confirmed that

they had spoken to Scuderi

round his leas.

Scuderi, who finished with

the catch with Hunter.

(c) Grass-eating. From the Latin gramen, graminis grass + voro, vortire to eat greedily, to swallow up. The condition of nasty old Nebucchadnezzar in old age. An epithet for your militant vegetarian acquaintances. "And could my friend see your graminivorous menu, piease!"

DEFENESTRATION

(b) To best black and blue, to lambast and bruise. From the Latin word for a Roman speciality. When approached for the nineteenth time by a hearty enthusiast soliciting money in the

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Bught horgh (1 ... Nugh 2 Quh7+ and 3 Qugo is devastating) 2 cfs Nuch3

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commissioned stories that evoke the character and atmosphere of a place atmosphere of a place through language and sound. Read by the author (3/3) 9.00 in Touch, with Peter White News, views and information for visually impaired people 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9,59 Weather 10,00 The World Tonight, with

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bectlime: Lady
Chatterley's Confessions,
by Elaine Feinstein Part 2
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30 I was That Teenager (FM).
Six well-korum counts land

Six well-known people look back at the pleasures and pans of their teenage lives Trade unlor leader Bill Morns talks about growing up in rural Jamaica and the circumstances that led to his arrival in Birmangham in the

1950s (3/6) (r) 1950s (3/6) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News and 12.27am Weather The Late Book: The Shipping News, by E Array Proub, Pulitzer Prize-winning

story of Ouoyle, third-rate newspaperman and first-rate loser, whose life dramatically improves Read by William Hurt (2/10) 12.48 Shipping 1.00 Az World Service

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Not such a big secret about a very big star

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Were Errol Flynn's private parts:
really of unusually large dimensions? may finally eithale and sit back. According to last nights:
Secret Lives Errol Flynn gliand glaze dimensions? may finally eithale and sit back. According to last nights:
Secret Lives Errol Flynn Channal Channel 4), the tackle was ordinary.
Short and rather stout, said one witness, while a former wife (whose motives surely bear examination) is on record declaring that Flynn's equipment was nothing if not middling. So that's that. We can breathe, And the solemn deburding spollight of Secret Lives has turned its full beam on the myth of a dead film star's penis, as though the effort were in the slightest bit worthwhile.

The oddest thing about this Errol Flynn film was that Flynn introded down the usual biogia. The solemn of Windsor, Secret Lives half substantial man film about this Errol Flynn film was that Flynn film for form from the fusion was virtually institute fusion that fusion form from the fusion was virtually institute fusion that fusion form from the fusion was virtually institute. She sat some in instance was virtually institute fusion that fusion form from the fusion was virtually institute fusion. From the fusion fusion fusion for fusion for fusion fusion for fusion fusion for fusion fusion for fusion f



your hand, you might catch a glimpse of a woman's deep cleavage or Clive Owen's needle-thin spivvy sideburns and return to the tricky under-arm bits well satisfied. The cleavages this week belonged to ball-breaking bitches. instead of pliable page three girls, but I wouldn't get excited. Tradi-tionally, in rubbish like Shurman, these two female types are the only ones permitted.

but that does not mean it is perfect. For the first in a new series about the way the law

really works, the methods used by advocates to persuade jurors come under scrutiny.

Setting the programme, rather too obviously, in a theatre, the presenter David Rose makes the point that the court is more

about drama and salesmanship than it is about justice. Jurors are swayed by things

other than mere evidence. Jonathan Jones

was convicted of murder because he was too cocky and badly dressed. Gillian Taylforth's libel case was lost because a video taken six years before undermined her credibility. Apparently lawyers are actors, estate agents

and used-car salesmen, willing to try any trick to win. Whatever happened to good old

The reason why the sports quiz They Think

It's All Over was such a success was that it took a serious subject and made it fun.

Trying to repeat the formula with pop music

rather loses the point because pop, by its very nature, is as daft as a brush. The same mix of

professionals and comedians take turns to

answer silly game show-type questions and

much rude, rolstering rumpus is had by all. Rounds include recognising the songs from Legs and Co's dance routine without the

music and trying to decipher mumbled lyrics. Given that the guests' names will only be known by 20 to 30-year-olds, it is not surprising to find that Seventies-chart knowledge is a must. Hosted by Mark

Lamarr in his best Angus Deayton persona, the teams are led by the wonderful Phill Jupitus and Sean Hughes.

The Chelsea Flower Snow is the horticultural world's equivalent of the Oscars, the Booker and Turner Prizes all rolled into one. It attracts thousands of visitors who come to

marvel at the marrows and cover the

chrysenthemums. The producer Beryl

Verue (Men Behaving Badly) followed the preparations and planning during the months leading up to the event by last year's gold medallist Stephen Woodham. A sort of Nigel Kennedy of the gardening set, Woodhams won by his originality in

constructing an overgrown piece of land complete with weeds and derelict

greenhouse. This year he went for a blue and orange-themed kinchen garden. As we follow

the blood, sweat and tears that transform his

design into reality, the true nature of Chelsea is revealed. Wry use of excellent music, Zoe

Wanamaker's soothing narration and the

sheer niceness of Stephen make this a blooming wonderful little film.

A fitting memorial to the great communicator is this platform from which a speaker

visual aids or gimmicks. For the 21st lecture, Professor Richard Dawkins argues for a

more positive view of science. Dawkins, who holds the first chair of the Popular

Understanding for Science at Oxford, states that science "needs to be released from the

lab into the culture" and that it should be

appreciated in the same manner as the arts. The author of The Selfish Gene and other bestsellers has irequently clashed with religious and spiritual organisations in his

contention that if we have science, we need no other explanations for the mysteries of the

must hold the audience's attention

The Richard Dimbleby Lecture

BBC1, 10.50pm

Network First: Going to Chelsea

[TV, 10.40pm =

Never Mind the Buzzcocks

BBC2, 10.00pm

returned with a very sensible evamination of the famous life-on-Mars rock, and if it didn't answer the big question one way or the other, it answered lots of the little incidental ones, such as "How can you be sure this rock is from Mars anyway?" and "Just how good are microscopes these days, then?". Actually, it turns out that the magnification of microscopes is getting completely out of hand; as scientists peered ever closer at their fragments of meteorite, I kept thinking of James Thurber's cautionary "University Days" story about his own difficulties with the microscope, in which he found, finally, that he was looking at a reflection of his own eye.

All the scientific qualms were well explained, but the programme ended disappointingly. When Nasa's Pathfinder mission lands on Mars and starts looking for eency-weency signs of life, they

needle in a haystack". What? A needle in a haystack? What an original and thought-provoking analogy. It must have taken them ages to come up with that.

ating rather higher for commentary prizes was BBC2's new series 1914-18, narrated by Dame Judi Dench. This is a grand and sonorous co-produced series, clearly modelled on Jeremy isaacs's groundbreaking World at War (narrated by Laurence Olivier), and it looks unmissable. Last night's instalment led us to the brink of war, and took great pains to explain how the rise of international socialism in the first years of this technological century forced the imperialist issue. It was not shy of editorialising, either: every time the doomed and bearded French socialist Jean Jaures was featured. the music and commentary lansed into lost-saviour wistfulness, rebeen if socialists had succeeded in keeping the peace.

Lastly, The Crow Road (BBC2) held its dramatic promise from last week - and what a clever piece it is, a mystery about the importance of mystery; a surprising story about the magic of surprise. "Prentice, you can't always know the cause of everything," explained Kenneth (the excellent Bill Paterson) to his son. Yet it is noticeable that all Kenneth's successful children's books are fanciful accounts of how things came to be - what the scholars call aetiological myths.

Kenneth's books tell us, for example, why heaps of rock appear on the tops of crags. Yet we are no nearer to the story of Uncle Rory's disappearance, nor to an understanding of Aunt Fiona's death. And why oh why does the wife of Uncle Hamish always serve up cod creole?

BBC1

6,00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST(23522) (41183) 9.00 BREAKFAST, NEWS EXTRA (Ceelex) (6370015)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1570822) 9.45 KILROY (s) (8039096) 19.30 CAN'T COOK, WONT COOK (6)

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3.30 BRUM (3780522) 3.40 ROMUALD THE REINDEER (7643812) 3.50 THE ALL OSCAR'S ORCHESTRA (5840336) 4.36 ITLL NEVER WORK (1081383) 5.00 NEWSROUND (6536893) 5.10 BYKER GROVE (Contact) (2656883)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceelas) (s) (344396); 6.00 NEWS (Cestax) and weather (947) 8.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (299) 7.00 HOLIDAY Jill Dando visits the bulb fields near Ansterdam; Sankha Guta applores

coastal Senegal; and Kirsty Young. discovers Alicante (Ceetsu) (s) (6589) 7.30 EASTENDERS A rigitorum becomes a reality for Lorrance and Devid; Carol takes a clifficult call. (Ceetin) (a) (183). 1,00 955 LIFESAVETS Stores of crawy and

heroism presented by Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris (Ceelex) (s) (2909) 8.38 A QUESTION OF SPORT Joines the regulars this week are Matthew Prisons, Phil Turnell, Garetti Students Denise Lewis (Ceefax) (8) (4744)

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9.30 ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE A hole of the bottom of the Meldrews' garden turns into the tunnel from hell (r) (Ceetso) (s) (79015) WALES: Week In Wesk Out 10.00 One Foot in the Grave 10.30 Crimewatch File 11.20 The Richard Lecture 12.05 FILM:

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11.40 FILM: Welcome Home (1989) summy Kris Kristoflerson An American Air Force officer, who was presumed dead in Cambodia but who accusiv remarked, leaves his new wife and children to return to America, where he finds his limit wife has also remarked. Directed by Franklin J. Schattner (333893) 1.19eg WEATHER (7992706)

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8.00 ENIVERSITY CHALLENGE Imperial Gollege, London v St Catherine's College Cambridge (Caelex) (a) (3251) 8.30 FOOD AND DRINK Investigating the popularity of "alcopop" (Caefax) (2386) 9.00 SYKES, (r) (Caefax) (3095).

9.30 WHEN ROVER MET BMW (2/6)



Quiz mester Mark Lamerr (10,00pm)

NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS New cornedy pop-quiz with Mark Laman and tea captains Sean Hughes and Phil Jupitus (Ceetad (2025)) WALES: The Way It is 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Codax) (111306)

11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (796270) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (26771)

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(Teletext) (s) (57390299) 2.50 VANESSA

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4208657)

5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (7583473) 5,40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (563299) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (294034) 7.00 EMMERDALE (Teletext) (s) (1657)

8.00 THE BILL Ackland's promotion cause Brownlow problems. (Teletext) (6855) 8.30 THE COOK REPORT Roger Cook investigates young people who have turned to prostitution while "in care"

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER Evans is faced with a dilemma when he suspects one of his friends is bullying an Asian soldier in his platoon (Teletad) (s) (8893)



11.40 CANVAS.(166638)

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1.20 FILM: THE STRANGER (1972) starring Glenn Corbett, Cameron Mitchell, Lew Ayres and Sharon Acker. When an astronaut crashes on another planet be Directed by Lee H. Katzin (339110)

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As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4223454)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24350541)

2.50 FROM THE GROUND UP (6101589)

7.30-9.00 TUESDAY SPECIAL (251)

2.10 FUNNY BUSINESS (1240706)

3.40 FOOTBALL EXTRA (9295431)

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2.35 Film: SERENA (6945690)

4.20 SOUND BITTES (76420874)

4.35 JOBFINDER (9190481)

12.55 EMMERDALE (4223454)

2.25 VANESSA (57374251)

12.15em PROFILE (8093874)

2.20 VANESSA (57375980)

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1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (39880454)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (29033015)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1549305)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7583473)

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12.55pm CROSS WITS (4223454)

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5.20-7.00 WHAT'S MY LINE? (357)

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5.00em FREESCREEN (46481)

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1.55 SHORTLAND STREET (24350541)

2.50-3.20 ON YOUR MARKS (6101580)

7.30-8.00 CROWN AND COUNTRY (251)

7.30-0.00 BLOOMING MARVELLOUS (251)

11.40 THE ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE

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2.20 VANESSA (57375980)

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3.30 POTAMUS PARK (3715218) 3.40 WIZADORA (7638980) 3.50 ZOT THE DOG (3719034) 4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS (9718763) 4.15 HEY ARNOLDI (5834725) 4.40 THE WARD (4285744)

7.30 THE MIDDLE AGES (251)

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10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (57305) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (745909)



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6.00 THE AVENGERS (Teletext) (50980) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Taletext) (329589) 7.85 THE SLOT (639812)



8.00 RIDE ON Magazine looking at alternative forms of transport. Presented by Murial Gray, Alain de Cadenet and Mark Walton (Teletext) (s) (8947)

8.30 BROOKSIDE What is Susannah hiding Irom Max and David? Nat and Georgia face up to their actions (Teletext) (s)

9.00 ANIMAL CANNIBALS The second of two programmes looks at why cannibelism occurs within a community of partly related animals and family units

(Teletext) (s) (9763) 10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY Dave is worded about his impending nupriels and Gus is worried about an old face

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1.00 THE WHITE ROOM Featuring the music of Neneh Cherry and Mark Morrison (r) 67503) 2.00 FILM: Hard to Get (b/w, 1938) Romantic cornedy with Dick Powell and Olivia De

Havilland. Directed by Rey Enright (5865232) Ends at 3.25 4,00 SCHOOLS: Making Sense of Science

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12 1996

Briton may have to wait in line

Lewis likely to be third on Holyfield's list

LENNOX LEWIS, Britain's leading world heavyweight title contender, could meet Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion next year, It all depends on how Holyfield wants to proceed after his magnificent victory over Mike Tyson here on Saturday. He has been talking of giving Tyson a rematch and of meeting Michael Moorer, the Inmutional Boxing Federation (IBF) champion.

If Lewis wins the World Boxing Council (WBC) title by defeating Oliver McCall in January, and Holyfield acquires Moorer's title, he might well decide to meet Lowis to become the undisputed world champion again, Lewis, of course, would be delighted to he given the chance to win the unified title. He has the style to beat Holyfield.

Even though Holyfield has close ties with Main Events, the New Jersey promotion company behind Lewis, it is most likely that Lewis will be third on Holyfield's list. After Moorer in the early part of next year. Holyfield is expected to give Tyson his rematch in June. It could be the most important boxing event of

Such a course might suit Lewis, who in the meantime could be consolidating his position, not so much as a WBC champion but as the third best heavyweight in the world by fighting Riddick Bowe and Henry Akinwande. Once Lewis has beaten Bowe. there is little doubt that he would get the bout with Holyfield or Tyson. The public

would demand it. Holyfield, however, might decide to do none of these things and retire, for having beaten the "Baddest Man on The Planet" and the best, he might think he has nothing more to prove. He has become the most sought-after of all American sportsmen for endorsements. His achievement is being talked of as one of the most memorable in American sport. After all, he did cut down to size a man everybody believed was an invincible

Holyfield is the exact opposite of Tyson. He does not surround himself with obnoxious loud-mouthed retinue. Whereus Tyson is permanently surly, menacing and dis-missive. Holyfield is quiet, cooperative and understanding. Not being connected to any racial or radical groups, he does not have the appeal of

Lewis: should consolidate

Tyson or O. J. Simpson. He is liked by black and white, blue and white-collar. Jim Murray, the sports columnist of the Los Angeles Times, said of Holyfield: "He is not obsequious, simply polite. Civilised, really. Miscast as a pugilist."

It is thought that, because of his wide appeal, he could make up to \$15 million (E9 Being the richest man in boxing, having earned around \$100 million, Holyfield could well decide to live on his earnings. But being a boxer. he is likely to be enticed to carry on with huge offers in

the region of \$25 million a

He has become the darling of the United States. Like George Foreman, he has shown Americans that boxers can succeed without being

brash or arrogant. Nobody gave him a chance against Tyson, considering him to be too old at 34 and, with his medical history, unsuitable for the daunting task before him. As Moorer said before the contest: "Holyfield just kind of hangs his head and says he will do his best. He always reminds me of a guy standing in the rain waiting for a bus that never came ... Nobody can quite figure out why Holyfield is fighting Tyson. Wouldn't it be simpler to step in front of a

The result was that every-body wanted Holyfield to succeed and he did not disappoint the millions of viewers tuned in to cheer him on. Most of the 15.000 capacity crowd at the MGM Grand Garden Arena were behind him.

Being a deeply religious man, he believes his victory can confer greater glory on God. He had said before the bout: "If I beat Tyson at what people think is my weakest point, the weakest I have ever been, then that will show them how strong, how great, God is. He was there protecting me when I was at my weakest." The sentiment was uttered with spontaneity, without any thought of the wider appeal that it quite clearly will have.

From the boxing point of view. Holyfield has done the sport an important service. By the public a closer interest in boxing. The paying customer will be more critical of Tyson from now on. Once, it was all right for him to tear apart illequipped opponents like Peter McNeeley. Bruce Seldon, Buster Mathis and Frank Bruno. That is what monsters are supposed to do: devour hapless victims. But now that Holyfield has exposed Tyson as being not much more than a very good contender, the public will expect him to take

on opponents worthy of him. Holyfield's victory under lined the view that titles mean nothing. I cannot believe that anyone jumped up when Holyfield won and shouled: Wow, he's won the WBA title." The series of meaningless contests that were lined up for Tyson to become undisputed champion devalued the

Now is the time to get rid of all the world bodies as titlesanctioning authorities. As they do provide work for boxers, they should be kept only as clearing-houses for contenders, which is part of their role at present. The paying customer has it in his power to see that the world gets champions like Holyfield. with the best lighting the Zola ready for Chelsea adventure knocked out of both the Italian and the Uefa Cups.

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

CHELSEA yesterday present-

ed to a packed press confer-

tion, the Italian international

A small, dark, modest figure

in a blue cap, Zola admitted he had problems at Parma.

where he had virtually been

squeezed out by new signings.

Above all, he said, there was

less and less space on the field.

less and less opportunity for

technical players but he felt

that this tendency would come

to an end, and give players like himself more opportunity.

Colin Hutchinson, the Chel-

sea managing director, open-

ing the conference, related that

when Chelsea approached

Parma for Zola last season

they were told that the price

would be £10 million. Things

had changed: first with the

Bosman decision, second,

because Parma, as Zola him-

self emphasised, had been

By David Hands

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S leading clubs

may edge closer to an accord with the Rugby Football

Union (RFU) if they accept a

revised agreement at a meet-

ing of the English Professional

Rughy Union Clubs (Epruc) in

Northampton tomorrow.

They have already moderated

their stand against divisional

rugby, by agreeing to release

players for representative games this month and in

That, however, is a long way

from a lasting settlement. Many Epruc clubs, while des-

December.

attacker, Gianfranco Zola.

Zola spoke surprisingly good English, and disclosed that he had been studying it for the past four years. Where would he play? That would depend on the manager. Rund Gullitt, the manager

in question, insisted that nobody was going to be sold, that Mark Hughes, in particular, had been playing exceptional well, and that it was possible Chelsea would play with three upfield.

Asked about the times he had played against Gullitt in Italy. Zola laughed and re-called in particular Italian Cup semi-final, "when he played us a trick: he scored against us just when we were playing well!"

"I can say that in this year in Parma it was not the ideal condition for me," Zola said. "I can say in Parma I had a lot of problems in this year. So I decided to go to play here." The important thing, he add-

Clubs advance peace process

ceive as an RFU policy de-

signed to starve them into

submission. Yet, if they are to

continue in business, at least

half the 24 clubs involved need

to see an end to the financial

logiam, so that television and

sponsorship money can help

resenting the dispositions of

both sides were crossing in the

post and Donald Kerr, the

Epruc chairman, said: "Part of

our [modified] proposals

include allowing our players

to appear in [divisional]

games. This is part of facilitat-

Last night, documents rep-

to pay the wages bills.

ed, was that Chelsea really wanted him.

Zola, Chelsea's most recent signing at £4.5 million, arrives at Heathrow yesterday with his wife, Franca, en route to Stamford Bridge

Zola insists he is neither bitter nor disappointed but, reading between the lines, the bitterness over his treatment by Parma can be discerned. "I am quite calm," he said. "I am

Russell Osman, 37, the for mer England defender, is the new manager of Cardiff City. He made 15 appearances for the Nationwide League third division club last sesson and succeeds Phil Neale, who is now at Manchester City.

improving, and that keeps me calm. At bottom what counts for me really is to play well. I only feel bad when I play

Yet he clearly has the sense of having been betrayed. "It should not have come to this point. The Parma team was not built to choose between. me, Chiesa [the expensive

striker bought from Samp-dorial and Crespo (the Argeninternational]: three for two places. In the programmes, we should all three have played and without changing position. They saw that playing with three, things weren't going well, and they

went back to two. "If at the beginning of the season they had told me that I would have to change role. I would have discussed it and probably we would have found agreement. These are which should be

worked out at the start and not in the middle. Two weeks ago, before the game against Inter, Ancelotti, Parma's manager, asked me to play on the right. He said to me Try it up to half-time, and I did try. I gave it all I'd got, certainly. Even if I thought

> could have given more."
> What really upset Zola was to discover that when he was doing his best to adjust to a

that in another position, I

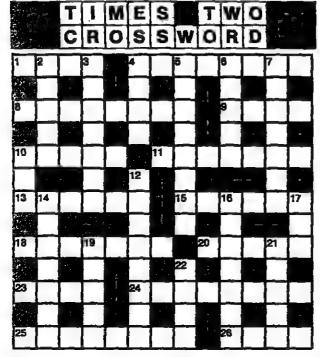
deep position on the right, the Croatia international, Stanic. clearly lined up to replace him. was sitting in the stand, watching the game.

Zola says that he has now got over the disappointment of missing that crucial penalty against Germany in the European championship. He says it will take time to

settle in London with his wife. his four and five year-old daughters. "But the idea of going abroad is one I have always nurtured and every now and then I have talked about it with my wife. We are both ready to undertake this adventure.

"I understand that Chelses is a very beautiful area and I've just learnt that there are some excellent Sardinian restaurants."

Zola is a Sardinian himself. though one who, inexplicably, was never picked up by the island's main club, Cagliari. instead, he made his name in Naples.



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Lloyd seeks ultimate test of strength

West Indies through a and had nothing to show for it bar the respect of the vanquished. Now, newly installed as team manager, he has joined the gathering campaign for a permanent mea-sure of cricketing power, a Test match world championship.

Cricket's obsessional democracy dictates that official wheels are turning slowly on this issue but David Richards. the chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC), confirmed yesterday that it remains on the agenda for discussion. "It was in my report to member countries this year and is among matters they are considering." he

The sooner the better. Lloyd is not the first to point out that cricket is falling behind competing sports in a fundamental marketing issue. The Test match calendar is a mess, the nine qualified nations participating neither equally nor

Alan Lee on an authoritative demand for cricket to find its true world champions

coherently. The uninvolved glibly assume that the quadrennial one-day series grandiosely called the World Cup is actually what it says, rather than a solitary limited-overs series of significance among the endless dross of the Sahara Cup, Titan Trophy and the like. Test cricket, meanwhile, limps along without an official link between series or

countries. Lloyd's West Indies team begin a five-Test series in Australia next week, locally billed as "The Decider". The winning team will doubtless claim to be unofficial world champions. *But why unofficial?" Lloyd asked. "We are not playing unofficial Tests. so something should be set up where you play for the championship of the world. Test cricket is the thing. It's what you're known for. Nobody's known for doing anything in the one-day scene. Test cricket is the ultimate."

It is a boldly timed call by Lloyd. West Indies were unbeaten in 29 Test series until losing 2-1 at home to Australia 18 months ago. Strictly on form, they could not now claim pole position in any league table. Just who can is

Lloyd: all-conquering

an interesting argument. Pa-kistan are obvious contenders but a recent table in Wisden Cricket Monthly, based on matches played over the last four years, puts South Africa narrowly ahead (England, incidentally, are an embarrassing seventh). Lloyd is scornful. "At the moment three teams think they are world champions and I find that so stupid.

concept for next season?

degree of autonomy.

you're not." Richards reports that the prospects of persuading a majority of Test countries to have their fixtures organised centrally, in order to create an ordered league, are bleak.

A four-year programme equal for all is not a practicality," he said. "The countries simply don't want the ICC setting out their schedule for them. But a Test match championship is attractive and it is a logical progression in the game. It needs to be addressed and I hope it will be within the coming year."



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nomads who roam the countryside with flocks of sheep and goats. Heavy shelling and aerial bombardments forced them to leave their homes in such baste that they were unable to bring any of their belongings, the UN said. Many have lost, all their livestock, the UN added. Fighting in the remote

Badghis province is of considerable strategic significance since it could provide the Islamic zealots with an invastronghold of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, who has joined General Ahmed Shah Masood, the ousted Government's Defence Minister, in an anti-Taleban alliance. Despite being under Tale-

ban control, Herat remains a

Tajik city with close ties to

lran and there is growing hostility towards the



Soldiers of the anti-Taleban infantry of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord, launch an assault on the capital Kabul, seized by the Islamic warriors in September

Powell tipped for Cabinet as Clinton rebuffs the Left

RESIDENT CLINTON, CONintrating this week on a new orcign policy team, is rejectng loyal liberals for a secondterm Cabinet as he tries to fashion a bipertisan Administration of the Centre.

A schism has emerged in the White House over the appointment last week of Erskine Bowles, a banker, former aide and Clinton golfing partner, to replace Leon Panetta, the Chief of Staff.

The mention of a least three senior Republicans, including General Colin Powell, the popular former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and William Weld, the Governor Massachusetts, as possible. Cabinet choices has convinced Party that it will hold little influence in the next four

Harold Ickes, the liberal Deputy Chief of Staff, had campaigned hard to succeed Mr Panetta for the important post in a second term but tooked certain yesterday to be leaving the White House with only the outside prospect of a diminished role as Labour Secretary as reward for his

statiwart service. "Harold has built up a lot of loyalty at the White House," an aide said. "There's a lot of

anxiety here at the moment

and there certainly was blood on the floor last Friday." Nevertheless, Mr Bowles

has a track record both as a former Deputy Chief of Staff and serious businessman. The priority for Mr Clinton in 1997 is to avoid a repeat of 1992, wanted his Administration to "look like America". Instead, it resembled a disastrous cockrail of his old Arkansas friends and campaign loyalists who et a gour tone for his first two years in office.

Alongside an ability to deal with a Republican Congress and sit squarely in the "vital Centre", the most important criterion for new Cabinet members is said to be experience. Before leaving for a holiday in Hawali on Friday, Mr Clinton is expected to have found replacements for both Warren Christopher at the State Department and William Perry at the Pentagon. the two people who have formed a lynchpin for his

foreign policy.

The position of National Security Adviser, the third key foreign policy post, appears to he a battle between the incumbent, Tony Lake, and Strobe Talbott. Mr Clinton's friend from his days as a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford. Senator George Mitchell, now oversee-

ing American attempts at peace in Northern Ireland, is the favourite to become Secretary of State while John Deutch, the Director of the CIA, appears poised to return to the Defence Department where he was formerly Mr

Perry's deputy.
Mr Clinton has not dismissed the possibility of appointing General Powell or Bill Cohen, the retiring Republican senator for Maine, to his Cabinet. Both men have said that Defence and State are the only two departments they would consider

At the same time, Hillary Clinton is hoping to empower more women even if she is unable to take a senior position herself. The First Lady has been pressing for a serious role such as Secretary of State or National Security Adviser for Madeleine Albright, America's Ambassador to the UN.

Such a move would be made easier by the departure of Janet Reno, the Attorney-General whom both Clintons want to sack and consider politically tone deaf. If Ms Reno were to leave along with Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, the need for new women in Cabinet would be that



Republican opposition to Gingrich

Washington: Newt Gingrich encountered the first public opposition from his Republican loyalists yesterday after a staunch supporter demanded that he relinquish the House speakership until ethics charges against him were resolved (Forn Rhodes writes).

After an election campaign in which many Republicans were forced to duck away from Mr Gingrich's unpopular and extremist reputation, a new movement has emerged in the House advocating that he should sten aside in favour of Henry Hyde, the Illinois congressman and chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

"It would reduce the amount of rhetoric that we would hear on the floor for the 105th Congress and allow us to work more constructively and move forward," said Steve Largent, the Okiahoma Republican who was one of Mr Gingrich's most fervent supporters in the freshman class of 1994.

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Reports of spy arrest cast shadow over Cairo talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE disappearance and rumoured arrest on spying charges of one of the few Israelis working in Cairo has cast a shadow over today's opening of the Third Arab-Israeli economic summit attended by scores of Israeli businessmen and members of Binyamin Netanyahu's

Last night, neither Israel nor Egyptian officials were able to confirm or deny reports that the missing man was being held for suspected espionage, as reported by an Arabic newspaper and later quoted by Israeli radio.

The Cairo conference is seen as an acid test of whether differences between Mr Netanyahu and the Arab world over peace policies could be overcome sufficiently to allow tentative economic co-operation, broached at earlier meetings in Casablanca Amman, to continue.

The feared abduction Azam Azam, 35, a father of four who is chief mechanic at believed that the members of

an Egyptian-Israeli textile outside Cairo, has raised new fears about security at the three-day gathering. It is already being held in siege conditions because of Christopher, the US Secretary death threats by Islamic mili-

tants opposed to the peace

"We do not know whether this Israeli man was arrested by the Egyptians, whether he was kidnapped or where or how he is," said Lior Ben-Dor. spokesman at the heavily guarded Israeli Embassy. "We have been asking for a meet-ing with the Minister of the Interior to find out, but so far we have had no answer.

Mr Azam vanished last Wednesday after ten men wearing civilian clothes and carrying walkie-talkies approached him, said his broth-Wafa, quoting the Egyptian driver of the missing man's car. One man asked for Mr Azam's passport and then bundled him into another vehicle. The driver said he

the snatch squad were Egyptian security officials. Last night Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, arrived in Cairo for talks with Warren

of State, who is making his diplomatic swansong to the Middle East, But earlier hopes that a deal with Israel over the evacuation of troops from Hebron could be reached during the conference were dashed after a telephone call between Mr Arafat and Mr Netanyahu, who is not attending the economic summit in Cairo and who leaves tomorrow for a ten-day visit to

America. ☐ Jerusalem: A leading Lebanese newspaper reported that the German Government is hoping to arrange the return of Ron Arad, the missing Israeli airman, in exchange for the release of Islamic risoners (Ross Dunn writes). Mr Arad was believed to have been captured ten years ago when his plane was shot down over Lebanon.

Israel eases security clampdown

By Ross DUNN IN JERUSALEM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TWO weeks after imposing a tough security clamp down. Israel has taken a "calculated risk" to allow more Palestinian workers back into the

Jewish state. The decision came into effect on Sunday despite security forces baving yet to capture terrorist squads said to be at large.

A total closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip was enforced two weeks ago after warnings that Islamic Jihad planned to mark the first anniversary of the killing of its leader, Fathi Shakaki.

Now Yitzhak Mordechai. the Israeli Defence Minister. decided to allow up to 35,000

workers back into Israel. Meanwhile, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. yesterday came close to blaming Israel for the renewed West Bank violence, underlining his disapproval of the decision settlements.

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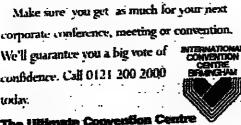




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The genius with a soul built from microchips

Bill Gates, the elusive chairman of Microsoft, tries hard not to reveal his inner self and personal dreams. Interview by Noreen Taylor

had been warned by Text 100, the public relations people who look after Microsoft in Britain, not to ask Bill Gates about his wife or his personal life.

What will happen if I do? "He'll just stand up and walk nut. He's done it before. Or he'll become very angry, uncooperative and freeze you." Can I ask his new buby's

We'll get back to you with that information later if we

Another Gates aide thought I ought to know that "a lot of people find Bill scary, the fact

that he's so intelligent".

Actually Bill isn't so intimidating. Elusive, yes. Puzzling. maybe. And certainly a per sonality with all the warmth of a tray of ice-cubes. But not frightening. In fact, I could swear a shadow of fear flickered across his face - cute in a boyish, freckled way -- when I mentioned the word emotion.

Not that he broke down or anything. He crossed his arms, protecting his personal space, and swivelled his eyes across the room to where a Text 100 aide was waiting, as if to say: this is not a neat departure from my agenda, imagine an extraterrestri-

al's reactions when first confronted with humanoid life and you're close to Bill's response if the conversation wanders off Microsoft or

Of course, he's weird. After Microsoft, he's considered one explains that he flew in from

of the century's foremost Seattle the previous day. So thinkers. A frontier scout, exploring the canyons of cyberspace, blazing trails where no hacker has dared take his mouse. Bill is probably the most brilliant programmer of the age, as well as one of its most ruthlessly competitive and successful

There's no such word as hyperbole when you're in the presence of the king of kings. the master of all universes, the richest American

citizen, whose personal fortune is estimated at \$13 billion (E8 billion). Awesome or what? He could be, were it not for the packaging. Bill's personal software

is, well, drab. The have a wrinkled brown suit, worn with a daughter' striped shirt of some dubious synthetic material, and a hairstyle only seen on Mor-mon missionaries in the Seventies, is somehow distracting. It diminishes the aura of

Who is sending him out like this? I mean, he's been married for three years to Melinda French, an extremely attractive Microsoft computer products manager. And here he is, stretching, yawning, scratching and looking more crumpled than a railway ticket inspector at the end of a shift.

David Sinclair lifts the hid

on this year's MTV

music awards from London.

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greatness, activating the nerd

label he has never managed to

you're jet-lagged?
"A little tired, I like to have six hours sleep since my

reflexes work better that way. he answers in a high-pitched monotone, not unlike one of those electronic recordings that interrupts when you've dialled the wrong number. We're in the Science Muse um in South Kensington.

where he has been conducting

a little

that I

a question and answer session with school-children. Bill gave the attentive computer students an 'I worry ten years hence. He described how voice-activated computers would render all other more now hardware obsolete. We should greet machines as the

great liberators, he

said, freeing us from mediocre

tasks to pursue a

debate is healthy, scepticism

Often, after a question he

would stare back at a point

beyond my left shoulder, with

a look of bewilderment and ir-

Asking him to describe feel-

the translator to begin.

reasonable."

life of leisure. With the audience, he appeared comfortable, likeable, mischief flitting across a face too impish for 41 years. A great deal more comfortable. I might add, than he was in the 45 minutes he spent with me.

Perhaps leading off with a question about the nerd label was unwise, "I dunno. I dunno why so much attention is paid to me. There are hundreds of smart people in my business. the people who work for me. my competitors. There are many in my field leading comparatively anonymous head of Microsoft, so I accept

"I'm very lucky. I get to work with smart people who are creating important products. I've got the most fun job around. Yes, I have reclusive qualities" "I'm very lucky. I get to work with smart people who are creating important products. I've got the most fun job around. Yes, I have reclusive

ritation, as though I was addressing him in Serbo-Croat and he was waiting for equally confortable locked in a room with a ings such as happiness, or his sense of fulfilment at such cards. A couple of years

> neat, too. Neat, fun, smart, cool, and hardcore for long hours part of Bill's vocabulary. "I'm fairly optimistic, though

perhaps I worry a little more now, now that I have a daughter. Is she well?

A chink in the personal security fence appeared. Seizing the moment, I asked if fatherhood had altered his attitude and his work habits. "I always knew I was going to have kids - and there's certainly a magic element to it but I don't think it's altered my

"I don't sit up all night like I did when I was 21. I like to go

qualities, you could lock me in a room with 20 books and I'd be very happy. Then I'd be

and a pack of My parents he plans to move qualities who became fascination sent me bridge would be

private One of Bill's faschool to sort me out'

ald's hero lived in a mansion where lawns lead to a waterfront. The comparison seemed

to annoy him.
"Gatsby had a deck to walk on from where he was able to see the light from Daisy? house. Gatsby collected things. He represented oppor-tunity. You can do or have anything. An American view Fitzgerald found naive." A smug cackle and a wave of his hand signalled that the topic

home to sleep. But I still do hardcore because it's what I cating skills to illuminate the enjoy doing. I'm pushing for-ward the whole time, not out of a sense of restlessness or firustration; but because my aim has not changed. And that is to make computers available for been assembled from a box of

into next summer . ed by computers when he was Take Washington shore: 80 per cent

vourite novels is The Great Gatsby. I suggested that perhaps he does have a romantic heart, since Fitzgerme. That's what they're paid to do. I'm far from being the

A revolt over the bear necessities

TWO young brown bears from Slovenia have sparked a in the Spanish Pyrenees where, once upon a time, thousands of brown bears

But years of unchecked hunting, the felling of forests, and the spread of farms took a catastrophic toll on the bear population. Today a mere eight beasts survive on either side on the Franco-Spanish

Alarmed that the region would soon lose its bears altogether, this summer, the French Government bought Giva and Melva, two female Slovenian brown bears, and released them in the mountains, where it was hoped that they would go forth and multiply. Instead they went to Spain.

having slaughtered a few French sheep along the way. French shepherds duly alerted their Catalan counterparts, causing serious panic among shepherds right across the Spanish Pyrenees.

As if sensing their unpopularity, the young bears lay low for a month or so, but they could not resist the temptation of Spanish sheep forever. Two weeks ago, the bears fell upon a flock at night, near Viella. killing 15 sheep. The sight the next morning was not a pretty one: sheep lay everywhere, strewn bloodily across a pic-



sheep on the Andorran bor-

It was soo much for the Spanish shepherds. "We don't want these bears here," said Manuel Barella, head of the Shepherds' Association of Viella, after a fiery meeting over compensation with representatives of the regional Government "We don't just want compensation. We want our mountains to be safe."

THE government explanation, that the bears are just stoking up before they go into hibernation, has cut no ice with the local farmers. One said: "That's all very well. But what happens when these beasts wake up? I know. They will be ripping out the guts of my poor sheep again."
The worried shepherds

have been bought off for the moment, with a government on probation. The conserva-

donating to charities. understanding of his personal passions or hopes, it's clear he peculating that he must have been a has chosen not to. It's tempting to imagine that Bill has model child, one who optic wires and microchips. rarely rebelled, who The \$50 million. Glimpses of a clever, ener-futuristic building getic child with leadership. gave drugs; drinks, wild pat: ties a wide berth, I almo

If it is within his communi-

have to be pretty smart to start

off with. I surround myself

with people who argue with

hierarchical chief, surrounded

Microsoft and his fortune will not be inherited by his

children. "I believe that to be a

by yes men."

missed the whispered "I did. I said I did all those things: I was deeply rebellious which is why my parents sent me to a private school. To sort nates his ambinon. Results, moving forward, being with smart people. Firing an employee would upset him, he admits. Though I raidly have to do that since people I hire

me out I'm glad they did those guys certainly whipped me into shape." His eyes swivelled again towards the woman in the

dangerous practice. They'll have enough to be comfortable

with. The rest I plan on

corner, You have five more minutes," she announced. Later that evening Text 100 called. They had been permit ted to reveal his daughter's name: Jennifer Catherine. told them I was grateful. They

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As for the result, well, it

depends. Winning the race

was personally more of a relief

than a victory. I wanted to go

back next year and do it right,

which, fortunately, I was able

to do. For 1988, the college

captains elected as president

one of the infamous non-

rowing Yanks — a nice irony,

and a public sign that all was

not as it had been portrayed. A

lot changed, including the

training programme, helping

Oxford to win the next five

races. However, Cambridge

modernised more quickly, and

The saga continues.

The "affair" itself left me

with a sour taste in my mouth.

hairs. But I made some lasting

friends (British and American)

and rowed in some fast boats.

Reading back, I am still as-

tounded by the anti-American

tone of much of the press.

There was too much good

headline writing and not

enough good journalism. The

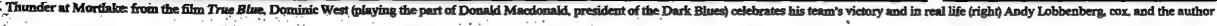
film too, ultimately falls into

this trap, and is consequently

less than it might have been.

True Blue, which has a royal

premiere tonight, opens in London



Mutiny – or just a nasty row?

lost credibility.

The spark was the decision

to set aside the result of a trial

between Donald and one of

the Americans, giving them both seats and dropping

another (British) rower. In

truth, the Americans began by

supporting British rowers, not

book both miss this complete- might have been different.

rue Blue, which tells the story of the 1987 Oxford Boat Race mutiny, might best be described as Chariots of Fire meets Rocky IV. Nostalgia for a probably non-existent golden age of amateur sport and a healthy dose of xenophobia. are combined with great photography, rousing music and the idea that the ultimate in modern training for a rower's running around the woods in a blupard. However, as with Charlots crew throw food at mug shots

dialogue is often bad - at one point the hero declares "I need good men, not simply good oursmen" - it contains easily the best rowing I've seen in the cinema; most of the performances are decent and the result is streets better than other Boat Race films, such as Oxford Blue, the 1980s vehicle for Rob Lowe, I'm sure it will rday well to rowing audiences, but the sport itself has proved to inscrutable to outsiders that here remains a big question wer its wider appeal.

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it didn't play around with recent history in which I was involved. Watching yourself portrayed on screen is a strange experience — I'm the moody one with the Ulster accent, but you won't hear my name, because, like most of us. I had it changed in the script. Much that is in the film - which carries the usual disclaimer - tildn't happen; one of the more childish examples is a scene in which the Oxford

The film is based on the Topolski, world champion lightweight carsman and legendary Oxford coach, who makes a cameo appearance as the race umpire.

The book tells Dan's version of the "mutiny": some nasty Yanks try to hijack a great British institution, but are heroically repelled by Donald Macrionald, the noble Scottish president of the Oxford University Boat Club. Helped by Topolski's mythical coaching methods, Macdonald then goes on to win the Boat Race in

Gavin Stewart, who rowed at stroke for Oxford University in the 1987 Boat Race, compares his recollection of the famous rebellion with that portrayed in the film True Blue row. The selection system had ly. In retrospect, the "mutiny"



Gavin Stewart: close fight

Surely it was one of amateur sport's finest hours. I appear as one of the fairly characterfree other Brits in the crew - I stare at my feet and say "enconscionable" a lot.

subtle than the book - I only say "unconscionable" once and it works hard at creating some balance. But there is never much doubt who the goodles and baddles are. This robs the film of much of the tension of the real-life events

The three main premises of American rowers didn't want to train hard, that they started the "mutiny" and that the result was good for the Boat Race. None of these accords with my memory.
First the training: I started

rowing at Oxford, and grew up in the sport believing that Dan's training programme was state of the art. However, by the time I made Isis (the reserve crew) in 1986 it was obvious that the programme had become corrupted - little happened when or how it was meant to, and sessions were as much about hanging around as training hard.

We often spent six hours doing two hours' training. Worse, Oxford's loss in 1986 its first since 1975, prompted Dan not to reassess his programme but merely to increase it. If I had turned up at Oxford that year having rowed internationally, I would have been horrified at the time wasting and lack of quality training.

s it was, I mostly despaired at my chances of doing any studying. The Americans had all these reactions, and enough self-confidence to say so. They made a differ-ence, and I thank them for it, it

helped Oxford to win. As for the Americans starting the "mutiny", well they didn't. Without going into arcane detail, the "mutiny" happened because the squa had lost respect for Donald Macdonald as president, not least because he made it clear that he had a guaranteed seat, with the rest of the squad fighting for the other seven. This was taken seriously because the presidents of Oxbridge boat clubs select the crews. The belief grew that "someone was going to get screwed" so that Donald could

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was always a lost cause once it

Ultimately three of us decid-

ed to row, largely because we

had not yet done much in the

sport. Others, all American

and (more relevantly) world

medallists, decided not to; if I

had won my medal three years

became public.

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Doing less - but doing it better?

Bronwen Maddox expects few

thrills in Clinton's second term

political consultant, the nowdisgraced Dick Morris, ranking American Presidents in order of greatness. According to Clinton's biographer David Maraniss, the pair concluded that he was then only in the third rank, but if re-elected could move up to the second.

As the President flies off to

Hawaii on holiday on Friday, his re-election accomplished. he will he taking respite from challenges greater than re-pairing an Administration depleted by resignations. Amera faces more acute problems in the future than in his first term, while the constraints on his power have grown. If he wants to enhance his place in history he will have to find answers, but despite his flurry of campaign promises, it is unclear how he will do so.

The election, which gave Democrats the White House and Republicans control of both Houses of Congress, sent complex messages about the American mood. Voters gave Mr Clinton credit for the rosy economy and forgave him his string of affairs with beauty queens. But the public wants neither the liberalism of the

first two years of the Clinton presidency - best symbolised by the issue of gays in the military - nor the revolutionary zeal of Newt Gingrich. which shut down

the government.
The United States now expect is not short of problems that require radical solutions. Medicare — its healthcare system for the elderly — will be bankrupt by 2002; on some estimates, it is bust already. Social security needs repoir almost as used to needs repair almost as urgent-ly. But the message of the elec-tion is that Americans are not looking to federal government for paternalistic solutions like Roosevelt's New

Mr Clinton — who has been described as "breathtakingly pragmatic", was re-elected because he correctly judged that mood. On the campaign trail, he foreswore grandiose proposals such as the aborted healthcare reforms of his first term, and instead scattered handfuls of micro-policies over voters' heads: tax breaks for college education, subsidising schools' access to the Internet, letting new mothers

stay an extra night in hospital. But the public's wariness of government has left him with a Republican-controlled Congress from which he can expect few favours. Despite the talk of bipartisan harmony, Republicans are furious at the way Mr Clinton co-opted their most popular themes of balanced budgets and welfare reform while attacking them for extremism. They would now like the luxury of placing policy failures - especially Medicare - at their opponents' door. "I think we'll sit back and hear what the President has to say." said Trent Lott, the Senate majority

eader, on Sunday. Republicans will also hold the President to his campaign anced budget in sight by 2000.

arly this summer, President Clinton sat for made heavier, as he acknowledged on Sunday, by the fact edged on Sunday, by the fact that the economy is now slow-ing down. Meanwhile, the Republicans will hound Mr Clinton over Whitewater, they are already sniffing at the scent of campaign finance as

an equally promising scandal.

Ironically, pushing through reform in these circumstances will require not the skills of the campaign trail, but those perfected by Bob Dole, the defeated Republican candidate, in his three decades in the Senate. It will also take clarity: Mr Clinton will have to pick from his many election promises the few with which to make his mark.

Despite the charge of many Republicans that Mr Clinton will revert to the liberal stance of his first two years, this seems unlikely. He boasts that he has refashioned the Democratic Party in the past two years to be a "modern, moderate party". For that reason, he will probably approach the tortuous question of federal entitlements gingerly. Mr Clinton is equivocating over whether to appoint his wife Hillary to a welfare reform commission, in a potenti-

Modest

social

reforms are

all his staff

ally inflammatory echo of her ill-fated healthcare panel. If he cannot get Republican cooperation on bipartisan committees. and so share the responsibility, it seems likely that attempts at reform will quietly stall.

Foreign policy—the traditional refuge of second-term Presidents faced with tough domestic problems - offers Mr Clinton no haven. He will have to decide quickly whether to prolong the American troops' stay in Bosnia, and whether to involve himself further in Ireland.

t seems likely that education will be the issue to L which he devotes most bridge to the 21st century appears to mean the extension of educational opportunities. In focusing on education, he would be harking back to his success as Governor of Arkansas, where he was credited for the energy he devoted to school reform, even though the actual changes were small

These reforms - an expansion of college education, and a modest tinkering with healthcare and welfare - are all that his staff privately expect of the second term. His critics are probably right to say that he will probably be remembered as a gifted politician rather than a great President. But that is less a failing in his character than a ality demanded by an electorate sceptical of big government. For Mr Clinton to try to use federal government to bring about radical change would be to go beyond his mandate. From the perspective of the next century his second term may not look like a period of historic change, but judged by the standards of what the electorate wants and Congress permits, it may still deserve praise.

The author is US Editor of The Times.



Broad enough for gays

wo thousand homosexual Christians will gather at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, and hold a sepa-rate lestival in Glaziers' Hall (possibly as a reminder that hetero-sexuals also live in glass houses, and should be wary of throwing stones). Because some of these rejoicing gays will be clergy who want the two loves of their lives to be accepted as compatible, the event will to some degree endanger the nervous com-promise which is current Church of

England policy on ordaining practising homosexuals, Indeed the whole shenanigans might cause a schism: the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, says so. But the Southwark preacher, the Bishop of Guildford, says the Church itself has been "wicked" in its treatment of homosexuals and must repent. He talks of finding "a richer and deeper understanding" of the Church's tradition on sexuality: a phrasing which will bring the opponents out shricking with fury, because when a liberal churchman talks of anything "richer and deeper in the sexuality line, there is a sincere group of Christians, generally grouped around the Rev Tony Higton, who interpret this as talking dirty.

I had no intention of joining in this row. A robust Thought for the Day on Radio 4 attacking the Southwark service by Anne ("I am not homophobic") Atkins was met a few weeks ago by equally robust fury from the gay Christian lobby. This in turn inspired the average busy Christian-in-the-street with an overwhelming desire to push the lot of them into some very cold water. Or perhaps to set them some useful task. such as persuading the dergy of Lincoln Cathedral to behave (did you hear Dr Brandon Jackson on Sunday morning on Radio 4, demanding that the cathedral be closed for six months and exorcised because an evil force is preventing him getting on with the sub-dean? So do you still think the Church of England has nothing more pressing to worry about than a few mildmannered gay vicars?) Anyway, of all available controversies, the praying gays of Southwark seemed a good one to avoid. I wore my white feather

But it will not do. Too big an issue is raised, and too many evils will accrue from a failure to look at it straight. A schism in the Church of

If we want homosexuals to be part of mainstream society, Southwark is right

England would be a pity, but is frankly the least of the troubles we will call down on ourselves if we do thing always makes you want to not resolve to sling out both the prudery of the past and the political correctness of the present, and take a collected look at what we think of homosexuality and what we ask of

We are having a moral crisis, so they tell us: over child abuse, delin-quency, family breakdown, random violence, and the kind of dimwitted macho amorality which killed Philip Lawrence. More than at any time since the war, there is a sense abroad

that the covered wagons must now be drawn round in a circle and a laager prepared by wor-ried and well-intentioned citizens to hold back barbarism. It is time to decide whether we want our homosexual brothers and

sisters inside that laager or outside it. If we are trying to confirm our values of family life, human decency. and sexual conduct, it is not only a matter of humanity to include them (and grant them certain important sorts of parity); it is sheer practical

That homosexual desire is not a sin or a crime is more or less universally accepted now. Even the Vatican says that what is inborn is morally neutral. The desire for a member of one's own sex as lover and lifelong partner is no longer widely seen as something you must be "cured" of by electrodes or hypnotism or exorcism Most heterosexuals probably think of it with a vague pity, as just one of those damn things; and feel sorry for those who are born that way merely because their lives are going to be awkward and their hopes of parenthood problematical.

Unfortunately, general tolerance has not prevented the cruelties of gaybashing or the superstitious discrimination of some employers. Extreme attitudes breed extreme responses: so we have had shrill, angry campaigns of marching and "outing" and sticking pink triangles on statues of Field Marshal Montgomery and generally

thing always makes you want to affirm loudly that yes, you can — as often as you like, with heliston. So we on the middle ground who do not want to be offensive have been. forced by campaigning groups such as OutRage to focus on the campy extremes, and to nod in helple acquiescence at a gay "culture" based on the promiscuity and exhibitionism of a very few. We have even, toes curling with kindly embarrassment. put up with the absurdities of PC pamphlets for schools which pretend to muddled teen-

igers that they are as likely to turn out and that if they do, is not to search for a faithful lifelong love but to "experiment" and "explore your

guilt. Which any honest adult, of any orientation, could tell them is a sure way to mess up several lives.

hat we desperately lack is a supply of monoga-mous, faithful, responsible, rather boring homosexual role-models, especially men. They exist longstanding couples, pillars of society, kindly people who get on with their lives and in some cases bring up children. Understandably though, given the freewheeling, cruising, cottaging, clubbing, amyl-nitrite shifting, squealingly embarrassing image procted by most gay campaigners, and the matching tabloid outrage from those who are terrified of "poofs". such people keep their heads down.

The result is that if your son or mine comes home one day and says he is gay, we will tremble for his future. We will be afraid he will fall among these people and be wrongly given the impression that the mysterious quirk of loving your own sex means compulsory promiscuity, uncomfortably tight trousers and reading shy makingly explicit magazines. The gay subculture is welcome to itself, but we need a gay superculture too. A ceremony of gay marriage — or at least of formal commitment before society — would help And, returning to Southwark, so could gay Christians. Set aside the

theology for a moment: there is certainly a serious debate yet to be completed on the subject of homosexual acts. The explicit biblical prohibitions are on a par, some think, with other ritual-purity rules from Levinicus which modern Christians do not follow, and with injunctions from St Paul which include keeping women from speaking in church. Let all that be soberly debated. But in the meanine, just consider what the Essban and Gay Christian Movement actually wants to do at South-wark Cathedral

They do not want to flirt, expose themselves, dress up as Marilyn Monroe, corrupt passing youth, to one another up with leather thougs or fling off all their clothes. They want to pray. They want to give thanks for their lives, their human and divine loves, the spiritual richness of gion. Some are noisy and flamboyant, certainly, but most are mild, thoughtful, morally rather conventional people for whom sexual acts play an appropriately small part in: the scheme of things. I have met and questioned two of them over the past five years, one in London and one in Darlington, and met their partners and parishioners too: I have never met more gentle, dedicated vicars.

Moreover, parishioners know it. The fact is that ordinary churchgoers are quite ready to accept that the middle aged chap who helps with the flowers and puts the hymn numbers up is, effectively, the rector's wife. One elderly parishioner confided, in Darlington: "It's been such a relief to find out they don't have to be like Julian Clary. Quite a new outlook, it's given us. Indeed. As one vicar observed to me in more than marital terms, five years ago in his rectory in London with his friend Ray sitting quietly by, smiling at the absurdity of the conversation: "Sex is really not so important. We are bound together more by shared memories and beliefs, and going to Sainsbury's and planning our holidays and looking

after the cats."

Goodness, how much we need more public homosexuals like that.
Think how they could demystify and debunk the genital obsession of our time. If it is in the power of the broadest of churches to give them to us, the Cof E could do us all a favour.

may be illegal, says Woodrow Wyatt

Brown's

windfall

is theft

Labour's utility tax

orden Brown, Labour orden Brown. Labour Shadow Chancellor, is pluging his proposed windings of the privatised utilities with rising enthusiasm. For him it all beauty of a tax, irrespective of the ostensible purpose. This tax wou needlessly supplement training schemes which already exist for the unskilled young and unemployed. I that respect it is reminiscent of the original taxes on cars and vehicle which were designed to provide morand, better mads: the money that and better roads: the money the general revenues and much of it wa not spent on roads at all. Labour justifies the windfall tax a

a punishment for those whom Lal our derides as pigs with their snow in the trough, who have used the positions to swell their income through options to sell shares at larg profits. Private investors were in aware of these schemes and coul have done nothing to halt them. Bu the profits thus made collectively b directors amounted at the most to few million pounds — light-year away from the billions Mr Brit hopes to raise from masses innocent shareholders. The lax would substantially reduce

would be a breach of faith by the gov ernment, which did not warn it vestors when they bought the share of the possibility of a retrospective tax. Nor. was any warning given the institutions which run unit trust and pension funds for millions of

ordinary people. New potential investors would b deterred. Raising capital for develop ing the privatised utilities would cos far more, incentives for greater effi-clency would vanish as the utilitie stopped cutting their costs for fear of another windfall tax on the higher profits which would result. Gon would be the ability of the regulator to reduce prices for consumers. Apar from the water companies, with their special problems of coping with neglect and robbery by previous governments of whichever complex ion, prices are much lower than

before privatisation.

Gordon, Brown, asserts that his project is legal. This is not the vience overseas, investors, whether indiction companies or private investors, the bought into our privatised utilities. It America particularly, the aggreed with the backing of the White House would contemplate legal action. British firms are also considering swing a Labour government if it applied a utilities tax. There could well be challenges in the European courts with demands for compensation for retrospective confiscation of share holders money. There is a visis ahead of legal wrangling sufficient at employ countless lawyers for many years, with the prospect of numerous humiliations for a Labour govern-

ment persisting in such a bizarre tax. Britain is now one of the leading countries in Europe and the world for attracting inward investment. The flow will rapidly diminish if the world realises that we can no longer be relied upon to honour norms business principles. Foreign investors would fear that after tasting blood with a new and substantia retrospective tax, British govern ments would bring in others.

t was the Tories who, in the 1981 Budget, enacted a windfall tax at 25 per cent on the value of son interest bearing deposits. This raised around £350 million. It was a punishment for making record profits, which ought to have pleased the Tories - but they were still in the grip of the anti-capitalist mood of the post war period. The Tories also brough in a retrospective supplementary per roleum duty in 1980, confiscating from the oil companies operating in the North Sea chunks of the increas ed profits arising from the world oil

But after these mistakes in the early 1980s. Margaret Thatcher grad-ually returned the Tories to capitalism. During and after the collapse of Soviet communism, Thatcherism be came the generally accepted creed-of the world outside China, and even there it now has a burgeoning influence. Tony Blair acknowledges the benefits of Thatcherism and says he will not seek to destroy them. These benefits include the further imaginative privatisations of John Major's Government. Once it was meekly thought by feeble Tory administrations that socialist additions to the scope of the State were irreversible. No longer

price increases in 1979 and 1980.

Economists now generally accept that high rates of tax do not bring increases in revenue for the Treasury. Instead; they tend to depress econom ic activity and encourage evasion. It is low taxation that encourages competitiveness and increased eco-

nomic activity - to the benefit of all. The privatised utilities windfall and is a last but dangerous throw of the Luddite anti-capitalists. Glecially they claim the right to follow the precedents of old Tory governments Shamefaced, the Tories have not mounted a sufficiently strong, steady and well publicised attack on the utilities tax. They must admit their early folly and act-promptly and decisively to rally support against a lunacy which would deeply damage the commerce of the country and the individuals who live in it.

Unjust, so

WITH ONE swipe of the corporate from the Savoy Group, it kept up glove, the Granada Group, new owner of Brown's Hotel in London, has put an end to meetings of the Kipling Society in the room which bears the author's name.

For more than ten years. Kipling enthusiasts have gathered at the society's meetings in the Kipling Room, so named because Kipling spent a free honeymoon night at the hotel courtesy of a manager who enjoyed his writings.

When Forte took over the hotel



Exceedingly good poet

the tradition of allowing the society to use the room free of charge. But Granada, whose stock in trade is television rentals and motorway service stations, has no literary pretensions, and wants £450 for use of the room.

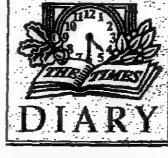
"The 'price was beyond our means," says Michael Smith, the secretary. We have moved to the Travellers Club."

Andrew Lycett, who is writing a biography of the author, is saddened. "It's a great shame; the Kipling Room was an entirely appropriate venue." Despite numerous requests. Granada failed to offer any mitigation.

Netscape

POOTBALL LATEST: the life of Tommy Lawton - perhaps the greatest of all English centre forwards - is to be commemorated in a stage play commissioned by the former Coronation Street actor and Everton PC director Bill

Lawton excelled at the flickedheader, despite his heavily-slicked.



failed to come naturally after his football career, and he endured a string of court appearances for minor financial peccadilloes.

"He was a complicated man, very politicised, and did not suffer fools," says the playwright William Ivory of the former Everton and England player who died last Wednesday and whose funeral takes place today. The saddest thing is that he won't be at the opening."

Miller's tale

NO SHORTAGE of research on Daniel Day-Lewis's part for his role in Arthur Miller's The Crucible, which is currently being made into a film. He's been walking out with Rebecca Miller, daughter of

the playwright. Day-Lewis, who rode to work on centre-parted hair. But business a horse throughout the filming, is

famously coy about his relation-ships. When asked at the end of an interview: "Whom did you meet first, Arthur or Rebecca?" he replied, "It is a good thing you asked me this at the end or I would have left immediately."

Race is on

FROM AINTREE comes the rattle of the begging pail, as the racecourse launches an appeal to build a monument to Captain Martin Becher, a giant of Aintree and Grand National lore. In the first



grilled Willetts"

National, run in 1839, Becher wen and hid in the brook at the sixth ience after coming off his horse. Conrad. The sixth is still known as

Becher's Brook.

After much research, the administrators have found Bether's grave, ummarked, in Paddington Old Cemetery. They want to have a gravestone in place by November 22, the first day of the Becher's meeting, and have put out the call for any descendants to come forward - with chequebooks. If they are worthy heirs to a man who once rade 700 miles in two weeks to compete at race meetings, they will stump up sharpish.

 Trivia from the American presidential campaign: whenever Bill Clinton moves into a crowd to meet the people, a secret service agent is detailed to stand behind him with his hands on the presidential hips steering him from behind. If the President goes 100 fast, or slow, or too far into the throng, he receives. like a racehorse, a firm slap on the thigh.

New model

THERE'S NO sentiment in suger modelling, as shown by Metropol ian Models, the agency recently abandoned by Claudia Schiffer. They have taken no time in replac-



ing the creamy Miss Schiffer with a young replacement. Diana Gaertner is also blonde and blueeyed — but crucially at 19, she's seven years younget Schiffer, at 26, is modelling market.

She is young free, new — and she has beautiful skin, says an

insider at Metropelitan - as opposed, presumably, to ropey old Hausfran Schiffer. Elite [Miss Schiffer's new agency got second-

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THE WILLETTS AFFAIR

Self-regulation of any institution relies upon its members being prepared to resist temptation. In the City, the temptation is to make more profit; in Parliament, to win. party political advantage. The pressures to maximise profit or political advantage are huge in what are both highly competitive environments. The evidence from yesterday's hearings in the House of Commons. then with the row over Michael Heseltine's relationship with his civil servants, suggests

that such temptation is not always resisted. The Select Committee on Standards and Privileges met to investigate whether David Willetts, when he was a whip, exerted improper pressure on Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the Members' Interests Committee. At issue was the behaviour of Neil Hamilton, who had allegedly taken money and free nights at the Ritz Hotel in Paris from Mohamed Al Fayed. Mr Willetts. had a conversation with Sir Geoffrey about whether and how his committee intended to deal with the allegations. He subsequently set down his account of the discussion in a memorandum which emerged during the course of Mr Hamilton's libel action against The Guardian.

If the contents of Mr Willetts's memo bear the most obvious interpretation, then the charge against him is grave. He set out two mays in which the committee could minimise its action against Mr Hamilton: either to declare the affair sub judice, or to "exploit the good Tory majority" to investigate it as quickly as possible. He ended by writing that "we" were inclined to go for the former option, implying that the decision had been taken together; and added that Sir Geoffrey "wants our advice".

If true, this account makes both men culpable on several counts. Mr Willetts, as à whip, should not have been trying to impose party advantage on a committee established to serve the good name of the House. Sir Geoffrey should not have discussed the matter with him and should certainly not

Yesterday, though, both men cast doubt on the document's veracity. Sir Geoffrey said that he had never talked about the Tory majority, that he had not agreed a course of action with Mr Willetts and that he would even said, bizarrely, that he might have forgotten that Mr Willetts was a whip.

Mr Willetts, meanwhile, used the new out in the memo.

Neither testimony was wholly convincing, yesterday. Dale Campbell-Savours, during Andrew Mitchell (who was appointed to the

If self-regulation is to work, Chinese walls must be respected: between Government

the public respect that they so clearly crave.

gress) but it was a catalyst. Meanwhile the enormous sums given each year by European nations for development in Africa will, I hope. continue to flow, motivated as always by humanitarian concerns, and be administered with careful regard to their

Yours faithfully, MARTIN REITH (High Commissioner in Swaziland, 1963-87; Ambassador to Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea, 1987-91).

From Mr John O'Shea Sir. If a military force is not sent to Zaire without delay, the bulk of one million Rwandan refugees, at present November 10.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, Landon El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

will die

gone "missing" according to the UN,

When will the Western world own

such a disaster was occurring in

The relief and development organ-

isation which I represent has worked

in Goma for the last two years. Over

that period, while the Western world

was affording pathetic assistance, we have helped to bury 145,000 cholera

From Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss

Sir, With the situation in Rwanda rap-

idly deteriorating and with the aid

agencies unable to get food to the refu-

gees, one system is available for use.

Snowdrop" is a method of air-drop-

ping food in individual packages each

of which will sustain each person for a

day. As some 88,000 packages can be

dropped in one lift a great number of

people can be sustained by this sys-

tem. Using this system people cannot

be injured as with the usual palletised

loads nor can the food easily be hijack-

Operation Snowdrop could be oper-

ational within five days from the ord-

er being given and I urge the Over-seas Development Administration or

United Nations High Commissioner

for Refugees, both of whom have been

briefed on this system, to action this

The Association of Pathfinders,

Sir, It would be of much greater bene-

fit to the "underdeveloped countries" if, instead of supplying them with food

and armed soldiers to help with its distribution, the "developed coun-tries", simply stopped supplying them

the status quo. If Parliament is serious about addressing violent crime, there

are sensible steps to take, such as creating a national firearms control

board and doing something to stop

the influx of illegal weapons into this

country (which has increased as a re-

sult of EU frontier changes, the break-

up of the Soviet Union and the drugs

The Sportsman's Association be-

lieves that the most important thing

the police can do in this situation is to

look more carefully at the personal

suitability of certificate holders and

applicants. In this, police procedures

have always been deficient. But even

this does little to address criminal

misuse, for criminals have their own

sources and legally held firearms fig-

ure scarcely at all in serious crime.

The Sportsman's Association of

Great Britain & Northern Ireland,

I Sentinel Works, Whitchurch Road,

Willowsprings, Longhedge, Corsley, Wiltshire.

59 Buckingham Gate, SWI.

From Mr K. W. Woznica

ed by armed bandits.

pian now.

Yours sincerely,

(Chairman),

Swire House,

with arms.

November 9.

Yours etc, K. W. WOZNICA,

JOHN CURTISS

up to its responsibilities to humanity?

London, Paris, New York or Dublin, the international "fire brigade" would

quickly quench the flames.

28 Meon Road, Acton, W3.

JOHN O'SHEA

(Director), Goal,

November II.

What role for the West in Africa's humanitarian crisis?

Sir. No one would dispute the folly of

troops rushing into Zaire without a clear mandate, simply on the ground that "something must be done" (lead-

The problem is that as far as Cen-

tral Africa is concerned the interna-

tional community can hardly be ac-

cused of rushing into anything. For over two years the governments of

Europe have been aware of the exist-

ence of armed factions in the refugee

camps, and of a planned return by the

ex-surmy to Rwanda. Nonetheless, the

overriding question — how to disarm

those refugees carrying weapons -has never been addressed.

OAU leaders have called for inter-

national intervention. With political

will, it should not be difficult to agree

a mandate. The first task of an inter-

vention force must be to ensure the

speedy delivery of food, water, medi-

cal supplies and shelter to the one mil-

tion people whose lives are at risk. The record should be to disarm the armed

factions and separate the genuine re-fugees from the militia. Then those

wishing to return to Rwanda can do

The problems in Zaire, Rwanda

and Burundi are deep-moted and can-

not be reduced to "tribal warfare", nor

can European leaders hide behind the

argument that this is just an African

concern. The policies of Western gov-ernments, including Britain, have

contributed in no small way to the

causes of these countries' downfall:

huge external debt; a narrow export

base with balances of trade dependent

on the vagaries of world markets; and

appallingly timed austerity measures

imposed by the international lenders.

Further, the West's inactivity over the

last two years has contributed to the

Only decisive action now, in the

form of military intervention, can save

lives, but we must also work for a longer-term solution in which both Af-

rica and the international community

humanitarian catastrophe of today.

so without lear of intimidation.

From the Acting Director of Christian Aid

ing article, November 8).

From Mr Martin Reith

Sir, Not we, nor the French, nor the Americans should imagine ourselves able or entitled to impose standards of behaviour in any independent country of Africa (letters, November 5 and

Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi, formerly Belgian, are French-speaking, but it is grandiose nonsense to infer any particular rights or obligations for France. We should not concern ourselves with French ambition to entrench francophonie as an area of political influence, which is a distraction.

from the humanitarian task in hand.
African behavioural problems must be solved by Africans, no doubt in an. African way. The root cause of this latest tragedy, like many of its predeces-sors, is tribalism (aka racism) and Africans have more practical experience of that - from both giving and receiving ends — than most. Moreover, while the governments of the three African countries involved are doubtless acting irresponsibly, you will not foster a sense of responsibility by taking that responsibility away.

HMG must keep the matter before the Security Council, with its formal responsibilities for international peace and security, at least until free passage for international aid is ensured. But the Council and the UN Secretary-General should address any appeals primarily to the appro-

priate African heads of government.
The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) should be pressed to consider urgently what practical measures it can take. If there has to be intervention, with the risk of violence being needed to counter violence, it had better be African.

Tanzania's invasion of Uganda in 1979, overthrowing Amin, did not by itself provide the right answer (because the return of Obote was not pro-

being used properly and wisely. That way we really can help.

Ardnagaul House, Strathtay, Perthshire.

a dream", Features, November 6)

seems more influenced by her old Ox-

ford ties with Benazir Bhutto than by

an objective evaluation of the constitu-

tional action the President of Pakistan

To say that Benazir's dismissal "has

cut short her dream of fulfilling her father's plans to build Pakistan into a

country where deserts bloom", and

that "the price she paid for attempting

to lead Pakistan into the 21st century

was high" is to turn a blind eye to the

abysmal record of her years in office.

Her notoriously corrupt adminis-tration brought Pakistan to economic

and political ruin. The reserves have

been perilously depleted and total lack

of law and order has drained away

every bit of Pakistan's moral stand-

ing. Sectarian battles in Karachi alone

claimed 1,800 lives last year, and al-

legations of corruption against her husband, whom she made a Cabinet

minister, abound.

Yours sincerely,

(Director General),

Islamic Studies,

International Centre for

144-146 King's Cross Road, WCI.

S. A. MOID

From Mr S. A. Moid

had to take .

Firearms Bill a 'simplistic' response

PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT.

From Mr Michael Yardley Sir. Ms Victoria Schofield ("The end of

play their part.

KATE PHILLIPS.

Acting Director.

Christian Aid.

November 8.

Sir, Tomorrow will be a sad occasion. It will see the second reading in the House of Commons of the Government's post-Dunblane Firearms

This is a simplistic, media-led response to a very complex problem. It will not work, but it will full the public into a false sense of security and dislocate the lives of tens of thousands of decent, law-abiding people. There will be no compensatory benefit whatever. It will bear on sportsmen and no one else. It will not affect criminals or viol-

loss of 2,000 jobs, destroy an ancient and honourable liberty, and expose the Government to a compensation bill which the best research estimates as at least £300 million and perhaps

Members of Parliament must ask themselves what real benefit the Bill is meant to confer, and whether this vast amount of money could not be spent

Calf slaughter

From the Director of Compassion in World Farming

slaughter subsidies to beef-breed

Since April the UK has slaughtered well over a quarter of a million male dairy-breed calves - the ones that would have been exported to continental veal farms. Now this scheme could double the numbers.

There is an inherent obscenity in mass slaughter of the newly-born. At the practical level, Compassion in World Farming fears many calves may receive scant care whilst still on the farm — they are, after all con-demned animals. Already we hear of calves bought in the West Country being taken to the North East, and even Scotland, for slaughter - horrendous

What with the growing queue of cull cattle and the increasing level of calf slaughter, it looks like a winter where welfare provisions for these animals will be abandoned in the desperate attempt to fill our incinerators and land-fills, supply our petfood manufacturers and maggot farms and tempt the carnivorously inclined

Yours sincerely, JOYCE D'SILVA.

Charles House, 5A Charles Street, Petersfield, Hampshire November 5.

Need for clarity on species at risk

From Professor N. Mrosovsky, FRSC Sir. At a workshop last month, held before the World Conservation Congress in Montreal, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) confirmed its commitment to revised criteria for listing endangered species in its Red List. The aim is to make the list's "endangered" and "vulnerable" cate-gories more objective and to clarify the reasons for placing a species in a

particular category.

My own search for clarity in those matters has proved disappointing. Under sea turtles, for instance, the current Red List gives the source of its information as the Marine Turtle Specialist Group of the IUCN. But in October I learnt from their office in Washington that the material was not yet assembled in a suitable format, and that they could not say when that would be.

Even more surprising was the discovery that the compilers of the latest Red List were equally in the dark. The listings, it seems, had been made on the basis of evidence that was both unscrutinised and unavailable for independent study.

Similarly, on the Internet, one can ascertain from the Red List that the hawksbill turtle, distributed over 122 areas, faces "an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future". But the evidence is not given, nor is there any documentation supporting a drastic decline in its popula-

The new system of listing could be a great improvement over the old one. But objectivity is unconvincing without data to back it up. I propose that species lacking such data be placed in the "data deficient" category, and that the Internet list be immediately altered to reflect this.

The credibility of the Red List can only be established if data and documentation are available from the outset, instead of being added on as an apparent afterthought, to allow for normal scientific assessment, debate and, if necessary alteration.

Yours etc. N. MROSOVSKY, University of Toronto. Department of Zoology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 3G5. November 10.

Working hours

From Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir. Rather than treat the EU's working time directive, setting minimum standards on working hours, rest periods, etc. as the political football in the eternal extra time between Tory Eurosceptics and Europhiliaes, the Government would do well to take the advice of the CBI and act constructively (report, later editions, November 11). Used flexibly the new measures would provide the modest and rational basis for positive negotiations on working conditions between employers and employees.

This would lead to increased productivity due to good health and good morale as well as be a deterrent to the cowboy employers that are the bane of the vast majority of employers.

The rest of Europe, North America, most British parties, most UK employers and employees want to treat this issue on its merits and work together to build safer working environments. The future health and safety of all of us should not be held to ransom because of the Prime Minister's need to placate the tiny but vocal minority within the Conservative Party.

Yours sincerely, GRAHAM ALLEN (Shadow Environment Minister. Health and Safety). House of Commons. November 11.

De Valera and Collins From Mr C. P. D. Dorman-O'Gowan

Sir, Brenda Maddox ("Movie goes soft focus on Ireland". Media, November 6) argues that to accuse de Valera of organising the death of Michael Collins is "immoral and mischievous". What is without doubt is that de Valera rejected the democratic voice of Dail Eireann when it approved the Anglo-Irish treaty, took up arms against the lawfully constituted state. waged a civil war against the Government of the Irish Free State and thereby was responsible for thousands of deaths and a great deal of damage.
It was de Valera's forces who am-

bushed and killed Michael Collins. and there is now clear evidence that he was in the immediate area of the ambush at the time of Collins's death. De Valera may not have organised that ambush, but without any doubt at all he was, by his actions, directly respon-sible for the death of Michael Collins.

Yours sincerely, C. P. D. DORMAN-O'GOWAN, Broad Chare Chambers. Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Blair's hair

From Mr G. A. Michaelides Sir. Surely it is not what is outside Mr

Blair's head that's important (letters, November 8), but what is inside?

Yours sincerely. G. A. MICHAELIDES. 76 Turnpike Lane. N8. November 8.

Parliament's ability to regulate itself has been cast into doubt

have sought advice from the Whips' Office. not have dreamt of seeking his advice. He

boy" excuse it was the first week since his appointment as a whip that the House was sitting. He admitted to having imposed an "artificial structure" on the conversation. And he denied that Sir Geoffrey sought his advice, even though this was expressly set

particularly when set against other events the hearing, claimed to have evidence that committee while he was a whip) was regularly relaying news from the committee back to the Whips' Office. If true, this is a blatant disregard of the constraints that should be exercised in the interests of selfregulation. Meanwhile, Michael Heseltine was struggling to defend himself against charges that he had asked civil servants to find outsiders to promote Conservative

and Parliament, and between Government and party. Both appear to have been breached. Yet now more than ever, the Government needs to be seen to have put improper behaviour behind it. If ministers have not grasped that, they do not deserve

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR

South Africa can offer a more ambitious foreign policy

European nations are not alone in their anguish over Central Africa. As we report in our foreign pages today, Nelson Mandela has also come under pressure to dispatch troops, a request he has treated with great reluctance. South Africa's concerns echo those expressed in Whitehall, namely that it is far from clear what any international espedition would do and whether it could actually implement any improvement.

Behind this specific reluctance, however, iles a further decior. Since it assumed dow the Mandela Government has moved with great hesitancy in the development of its overseas relations. The African National Congress has found little internal consensus on the most basic questions of national interests and international objectives. The South African Government has accepted a limited, crisis management role towards those in its immediate region - Angola, Lesotho and Mozambique - but has balked at a wider one. The response to the Rwandan genocide was limited to technical assistance, while Mr Mandela's refusal to condemn

Nigeria's rulers attracted much criticism. This uncertainty is the result of recent history. During the apartheid era, international isolation prevented South Africa from conducting conventional foreign relations. The security of its borders dominated all other matters. Friendships were struck with whatever countries were willing to enter dialogue. Often these were other pariah states or, as with Israel and Taiwan. nations with particular diplomatic difficulties. In either case it did not represent a sizeable inheritance. This was compounded by the activities of the ANC in opposition, where the desire to identify with "anti-

imperialist" movements in the Third World

produced a host of dubious allies such as Cuba, Iran and Libya.

The combination of these legacies has not made for coherent strategic thinking. It has left disappointed those who hoped that South Africa would exploit Mr Mandela's immense moral standing to champion peaceful and democratic development throughout Africa. In his interview with The Times today the President is highly dismissive of what such an ethical example can While he has travel through his tenure, such trips have focused on the promotion of South Africa's economy

This approach might easily have been presidency. The current crisis in Zaire may Africa has shown. But with only thirty borders. His scepticism about the effectiveness of morality as a factor in geopolitics is

Bhutto's Pakistan

rather than any wider goals. justified during the first half of the Mandela well ment the extreme caution that South months left until Mr Mandela leaves office.

he should consider a greater deployment of his energy and charm beyond his nation's well-placed; but a more activist stance abroad would be based on more than that. South Africa is the most significant economic force in its continent. Even though it is less than three years since the introduction of majority rule, its political institutions already look among the most

reliable in Africa. Were the issue of expanding the UN Security Council to be considered, then in the medium term a strong case could be made for South African membership. At home Mr Mandela has wisely decided to devolve his powers as part of gradual retirement. The construction of a fuller foreign policy could be his last great political achievement.

WHY STAMP ON THE SHAMROCK?

Like Murphy's, Unionists shouldn't be bitter

It is never, to paraphrase P.G. Wodehouse, , drawn to Cark or Connemara is also likely to difficult to tell the difference between a ray of sunshine and Peter Robinson with a grievance. The Democratic Unionist MP for Belfast East has, like all Ulster's politicians, endured a great deal but, unlike some others, he generally speaks more in anger-than in sorrow. His talent for denunciation has been on display again after the announcement of plans to market Ulster and the Irish Republic together as a single : tourist destination. He is not so much breaking a butterfly upon a wheel as crushing a sharmock with a hobnailed boot. Mr Robinson may believe that tempting visitors to Donegal also to linger a while in Derry is another step on the road to a united ireland. If he does then he has taken another. step away from reality.

Mr Robinson has a duty to his constituents to stand up for the Union. But he and they are ill-served by his confusion of cooperation with condominium. There is no contradiction between defending Ulster's position within the United Kingdom and taking up opportunities to work practically with the Irish Republic for the benefit of high. Indeed, support for the Union among Ulster's nationalist minority and across the rest of the United Kingdom is likely to be enhanced by the establishment of good neighbourly relations across the border. The initiative taken by Bord Failte and the

Northern Irish Tourist Board is a model of

how cross-border co-operation should work.

There is clear common interest. The visitor

and the test of the second

appreciate the Giant's Causeway and the Mountains of Mourne. Acknowledging, and indeed exploiting, that overlap is not to deny the significant cultural, social and political differences between Ulster and the Republic. It is simply sound marketing.

Ireland has a diaspora almost as extensive as Israel's and the exiles have earned their homeland a deserved reputation for conviviality. Ulster, unfortunately, evokes more melancholy associations. Yet there are few more hospitable holiday destinations than Northern Ireland. Its people, its countryside and its bars are easily the equal of the Republic's. It would make commercial sense for the Northern Ireland Tourist Board to subsidise any association with the South; but the arrangement unveiled yesterday sees Dublin bearing the larger part. Even the shrewdest Ballymena bank man-

Unionists may, in the near future, need to oppose efforts to erode, rather than transcend, the border. There is still a temptation for politicians in London and Dublin to indulge republican aspirations rather than defend with the necessary vigour the democratic wish of Ulster's majority to remain British. That is all the more reason why Unionists should welcome genuine. pragmatic, practical co-operation, so that opposition to proposals designed to detach Ulster from the United Kingdom are seen to spring from principle, not prejudice. Like the Murphy's, Unionists shouldn't be bitter.

(Amendment) Bill.

ent crime. On the other hand, it will cause the

much more.

This association is not arguing for

'No win, no fee'

From Mr Michael Gould

From Mr Babar Muntaz Sir, There was a time when Pakistanis were limited to general elections, having one General follow another. It seems that we are now entering a period of presidential elections, with elections at the whim of one President af-Yours sincerely. ual fees if they are successful in a case which the solicitor may know quite B. MUMTAZ 2a Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3. well the client is going to win. This

Teachers' dress

November 6.

From Mr C. Haward Soper

Sir, If Mr David Shaw, MP, can draft an amendment to the Education Bill with the aim of outlawing "sloppy" dress for teachers (report, November II; see also letters, November 8), I suggest that his drafting talent might be better employed in drafting amend-ments to the Crime Bill outlawing illegitimate knives.

It seems to me that the latter is more amenable to easy definition than the Yours faithfully

C. HAWARD SOPER, Flat 5. De Montfort Court. Stoneygate Road, Leicester. November II.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number 0171-782 5046.

(Spokesman).

Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Sir, Prances Gibb (Law. November 5) describes the increasing use of conditional fees by lawyers acting in civil litigation cases, under the heading 'improved access to justice". It is worth noting, however, that there is nothing to prevent solicitors in such cases agreeing "mark-ups" with cli-ents of up to 100 per cent on their us-

mark-up is effectively taken from the damages the client eventually wins.

Most solicitors would not take advantage of a client. However, the increasing popularity of conditional fees has to be seen in the context of the continuing decline of the legal aid system and the likely introduction in the near future of limited fees being recoverable against defendants.

As Frances Gibb makes clear, the main beneficiaries of all these devel-opments are particular friends of the present Government, namely insurance companies, who meet the bill for damages and costs in most personal injury cases where the claimant is successful. They will in future face fewer legally aided claims (where they are unlikely to recover costs against an unsuccessful claimant) and face more claims which are either inadequately funded (and therefore under-pre-pared) or else subsidised by the client through a conditional fee

Yours sincerely, M. GOULD (solicitor), 77 Beechfield Road. Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire. November II.

MICHAEL YARDLEY

Sir. Hidden in the midst of Mr Douglas Hogg's new EU package of "sup-port" for cattle farmers is an appalling development - the extension of calves (News in brief, October 31).

journeys for these vulnerable crea-

back to the beef-fold.

Director,

Compassion in World Farming,

ager would approve.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 11: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to celebrate the Twenty Fifth anniversary of the Common-wealth Youth Exchange Council and were received by the President the Duke of Westminster) and the Charman (Mr Trevor Hall).

The Earl of Courtown (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Larvia and Mrs. Ulmane and welcomed them on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November II: The Duke of York today visited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr David

His Royal Highness this morning visited HM Bark Endeavour. Castlegate Quay. Stockton-on-

The Duke of York, Patron, later visited the Ayeliffe Young People's Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited St Theresa's Hospice, Harewood House, Darlington.

The Duke of York afterwards visited Faverdale Technology Centre Limited, Darlington. BUCKINGHAM PALACE November II: The Princess Royal President, Animal Health Trust,

this afternoon attended the Cor-

Royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Paluce at 11,00.

The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh, will attend the 1990 Royal Film Performance at the Odeon

Cinema, Leioster Square, at 8.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, will arrend

i reception ar Wellington Barrack

The Princess Royal will open Notley

Green Community Association's nev

Community Centre, Braintree, at 10,00; will visit the Save the Children

Fund Shop, In High Street, Brent-wood, Essex, at 11.25; as President. The Princes Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Basildon, Carers Centre, 55 Southern Hay, Basildon, at 12.30; as patron. National Association of Chi-mes Advec Rumans, will will the

rens Advice Bureaux, will visit the Thurrock Citizens Advice Bureau, I New Road, Grays, at 2.00; and, as President, Save the Children Fund, will aftend a staff reception at the offices of CIBC Wood Gundy, Cottons Lane, London SEI, at 0.15.

Princess Margaret will visit the restored Lycourn Theatre, Crowe, at 12.35, and will visit the Crowe Factory of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. Cheshire.

The Duchess of Ginucester, as patron

of Clerkenwell Music Series 1996 will attend a concert at the Church of

Our Mosel-foly Redeemer, Clerken-well, at 7.15, and will append a dinner

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman

of the British Oversens Trade Board, will visit the Scott-Hay Gallery at Messrs Reid and Taylor, William Street. Laugholm, at IL20: will open the Lochmaten Community Hospital, Lochmaten, Lockerbie, at

1.45; and will visit Gates Rubber Company, Edinburgh Road, Dum-

at St John's Gate at 9.10.

Buckingham Palace. Her Royal Highness. Patron. National Association of Victims Support Schemes, later attender the Annual General Meeting and Guest Debate at the Brewery. Chiswell Street, London ECL. ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 11: The Prince of Wales this morning flew to Bukhara, was received on arrival by the Hokim of Bukhara Oblast (Mr Rakhmonov) and made a brief tour of the city. This afternoon His Royal High-ness was received in Tashkent by

President Karimov and later attended a Reception given by the Prime Minister (Mr Utkur Sultanov).

KENSINGTON PALACE November 11: The Princess Mar-garet. Countess of Snowdon this morning opened the Eric Tolhurst Centre for voluntary organisations in Blyth, Northumberland. Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland (The Viscount Ridley, KG).

KENSINGTON PALACE November II: Princess Alice,
Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy
Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal
Hussars, this afternoon received
Major General John Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel Adrian

Birthdays today

Dame Peggy Fenner, MP. 74: Lord Golf of Chieveley, FBA. 70: Dr William Hayes, President, St John's College, Oxford, 60: Dr Joe Hendron, MP. 64: Mr J.A.S. Ingamelis, former director. The Wallace Collection, 62: Mr M.A. Lang. Headmaster. Durham School. 57: Sir Peter Lloyd. MP. 59: Professor Christina Lyon, Professor of Law, Liverpool University, 44; Sir Ronald Millar. playwright and screenwriter, 77: Miss Jennifer Page, chief executive, Millennium Commis-sion, 52: Professor Gilbert Smith. Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, \$2; Sir William Sutherland, former Chief Constable. Lothian and Borders. b3: Professor John Tarrant, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Huddersfield University. 55: Prebendary Chad Varah, founder, The Samaritans. 85.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Secretary of State for Education and Employment, Mrs Gillian Shephard, attended the annual Whitworth Awards held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) yesterday. The IMechE President, Professor Ernest Shannon, announced the Whitworth Award Holders and Scholars.

Legal appointment

Mr Jonathan Mayo Hawerth to be Princess Alexandra will open the new Women's and Children's Wing at Lewisham Hospital, London, at 2.30. a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.



Leland Chen with the Stradivarius, the only one of its type to be sold this year and expected to fetch £700.000

Menuhin appeals for help to buy Stradivarius

LORD MENUHIN has appealed for corporate help to buy a rare Stradivarius to The instrument will be the only one of its type to be sold this year and Lord Menuhin believes that it is an instrument worthy of the rising star who won first prize in the Menuhin International

Violin Competition, Phillips, the London auctioneers, ex-

Dinners

Wolfe Society

Lieutenant-General Sir John Foley was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society

held last night in Westerham to mark the 269th anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe, Mr J. St A. Warde,

Judge Stephen M. Schwebel, Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, was present

at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardilf, last night. The

guest speaker was Professor Anthony King, Professor of Government at Essex University.

Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman Cardiff Business Club, presided.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the

KCMG, will be held at St Michael's Church, Chester

Square, London SW1, on Tuesday,

wishing to attend should apply for tickets to: Miss J. Erith, Chairman's Office, NatWest Group, 4! Lothbury, EC2P 2BP.

Please enclose sae (first class).

Tickets will be sent out from

December 9.

lanuary 14, 1997, at 6.00pm. Those

Lord Colnbrook

president, was in the chair,

Cardiff Business Club

The Atheoneum

pects the instrument to sell for up to £700,000 when it is affered on November 21. Phillips sold the first Stradivarius violin in 1809 — for 100 guineas. Leland Chen, 31, said: "For some years

I was locky enough to play a violin lent to me by Yehudi Menuhin. The Stradivarius to be sold would provide me with the most wonderful opportunity to enhance my work and offer audiences

the chance of hearing the beautiful sones of this outstanding instrument."

Philip Scott, a Philips specialist, said:

"We are hoping some major corporation will buy the instrument. Whoever buys it is in a no-lose situation since every time it is played in concert their name would appear as the owners and if they decided to sell it later it will still be

Today's anniversaries Sir John Betjeman

An unveiling and dedication of a liamentary Army, Nun Appleton, Yorkshire, 1671: Jean-Sylvain Builly, astronomer, 1st Mayor of memorial to Sir John Betjeman was held yesterday in Westminster Abbey after evensong. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by whe Rev Barry Penton, Precitor, who led the prayers. Mr Kenneth Cranham and Miss Joanna Lumley read from Sir John's works, and the Boys of the Westminster Abbey Choix sang from Theistoner to Sir John's works. Emmuska Orczy, novelisi, London, 1947; Rodolf Friul, composer, Hollywood, 1972. Christmas, by Sir John, to music composed by Mr Martin Neary, organ. Mr Patrick Leigh Fermor The bodies of Captain Robert gave an address.

The memorial cartouche, on a piller in Poets' Corner, was un-veiled by Lady Wilson of Rievaulx. Jasmine and Archie Ward, great grandchildren, laid flowers on hehalf of the family.

Canon Anthony Harvey, Sub-Dean, Canon Donald Gray, Rector of St Margarets, Canon Colin Semper, Treasurer, Canon David Hutt. Steward, the Rev Jonathan Goodali, Chaplain and Sacrist,

Were:

Mr and Mrs P Betjeman, (non and daughterin-law), Mr and Mrs Rupert Lycett Green (50p.-1b-law End daughter), Mr David Lycet Green and Mr Lock Green, Mrs Indian Lycett Green, Mrs Indian Lycett Green, Mrs Indian Lycett Green, Mrs Imagen Christie and Mrs Lucy ward (granddaughters), representatives of coith Houses of Partiament, the Betjeman Society, English Heringe, Libe Lurot Brand Company, the Art Wordors' Guild and many other Irends.

Aiterwards, the Betjeman Society held a reception in Church House, Mrs Philippa Davies, chairmain, Wespmed the gness and Lord Westherall, the Company of the Church and Lady Westherall, the Company of the Defence Staff and Lady Willis, the Permenent floor Services and Endy Charles and Endy Charles and Endy Charles and Endy Charles and Endy Milks, the Services of the Defence Staff and Lady Willis, the Permenent floor Services and Endy Charles and Endy Charles and Endy Charles and Endy Charles and Endy Roman Charles and Endy Ch

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.A.J. Barday and Miss M.L. Dasher The engagement is announced between Charles Anthony John, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Barday, of Nuncham Courtenay, Oxfordshire, and Mary Lorena, cldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Dasher, Jr. of Valdosta. Georgia, USA.

Mr M.R. Burges Watson and Miss F.M. Clode The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Burges Watson, of London SWIS, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr. Michael Clode and the late Mrs Clode, of London SWS.

Mr R. Cisminon and Miss K.J. Bond The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mrs Joan Cinnamon, of Salthouse, Mrs Joan Crimamon, or Saunouse, Norfolk, and the late Mr Ellis Cinnamon, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Bond, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire. Mr J.A.A. Clarke and Miss C.M. Cheshire

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Miles Clarke, of Malpas Cheshire, and Camilla, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cheshire, of Tarporley, Cheshire. Mr J. Cohen

and Miss S. Bremen The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cohen, of Kensington, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Brennan, of Brisbane, Australia, Mr R.H. Harding and Miss V.S.C. Cutchey

The engagement is announced between Ruius, younger son of Mr and Mrs Colin Harding, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Victoria, only daughter of Major and Mrs Michael Cutchey, of Berwick St James, Wiltshire.

Lord Mayor's

The Lord Mayor, Mr Alderman

Roger Cork, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, enter-

tained the outgoing Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir John Chalstrey, and

Lady Chalstrey, at a banquet held last night at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir lohn: Chalstrey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor were the

speakers. Others present included:

MIS Major, MIS Carry, Lady Mackey of Cleanfern, the Spender, MY Misrod Macketo, the Ambassador of Sjowesta and Mis Statower, the Ambassador of Catur, the Ambassador of France, the

Banquet

Mr S.A. Lovegrove and Miss K.C. Brooke

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mi and Mrs John Lovegrove. of Great Alne, Warwickshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Timothy Sergison-Brooks, of Chipping Warden. Northamptonshire

Mr J.A.C. Maitland and Miss S.H. Barker

The engagement is announced herween Andrew, eldest son of Mr John and the Hon Mrs Maidand, of Stancombe. Gloucestershire, and Susanna, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs David Barker, of Up Nately. Hampshire.

and Miss V. Jones The engagement is amounced between Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Parsons, of Queen's Park. Choser, and Victoria. younger daughter of Dr Jill Burge Jones and the late Dr Victor Jones, of Wingfield,

Mr C.P. Richards and Miss V.J. Pearce The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs Tim Richards, of Stillington, North Yorkshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr Michael Pearce, of Ripley, Surrey and Puerto Andraits, Mallorea, and Mrs David Puttock, of Esher, Surrey

Mr J.A.W. Thomson and Miss O.D.M. Snagge The engagement is announced between James Angus Wilfred only son of Mr and Mrs James R. Thomson, of Mains of Carries Glenalmond, Perth, and Oon Davinia Mordaunt, elder daughte of the late Mr Peter Snagge and of Mrs Snagge, of Rouby House, Thornton Dale; North Yorkshire.

Memorial service

Brigadier John Woodroffe A memorial service for Brigadica John Woodroffe was held yes terday in the Grosvenor Chapel South Audley Street. The Re-Simon Hobbs officiated. Mr Pau rick Woodroffe, son, and Mr Pete Woodroffe, cousin, read the le sons. Captain Lord Weatherill gave an address. Among those

Lecture

Medical Society of Lando The Medical Society of London's Lloyd Roberts lecture was deliced to by Lord Ross-Mogg last night apple Royal Society: Mr Andrew Near

Royal Over-Sens Lengue Mr Leonard Ngaithe, Counsellor at the Keoya High Countission, was Seas League held just night at Over-Seas House, St James's Mrs. Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

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Paris 1789-91, executed, Paris, 1793; William Hayley, poet, Felpham, 1820; Charles Kemble, actor, London, 1854; Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist. near Aiton, Hampshire,

BIRTHS: Richard Baxter, Puritan BIRTHS: Richard Batter, Puritan minister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; Amelia Opie, novelist and poet, Norwich, 1769; Alexander Borodin, composer, St Petersburg, 1833; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Paris, 1840; John William Strutt, 3rd Barron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Essex, 1842; Sun Yatten, Chinese revolutionary, President of China 1912. Canton, 1866; Grace Kelly, Princess Grace of Monaco, actress, Princess Grace of Monaco, actres Philadelphia, 1929.

DEATHS: Canute the Great, King of England 1016-35 and of Denmark 1035, Shaftesbury, Dorset, 1035; Stephen Gardiner, bishop and statesman, London, 1555; Sir John Hawkins, naval commander, at sea, off Puerto Rico, 1595; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, C-in-C of the Par-

Clara Broadbeat of Stalybridge,

She left residuary estate divided equally between the impertal Cancer Research Fund, the Arthrits and Rheumatism Council for Research and St Matthew's Caurch, Stalybridge.

Robert John Haydock, of North

Latest wills lifra Eileen Austey, of Wallington, Surrey, left extate valued at estate valued at E2.051,855 met.

1865: Percival Lowell, astronomer.

Flagstaff, Arizona, 1916; Baroness

Scott, E.A. Wilson and H.R. Bow

ers, who had perished nine mombs earlier on their journey from the

South Pole, were discovered, 1912.

The German battleship Tirpitz was sunk in Tromastford, Nor-

A salmon was caught in the Thames, the first in 130 years, 1974.

She left USO to the BSPCA, and enough to train one Guide Dog for the Blind; his residuary espace to be divided between Curled Dogs for the Blind Association and fine Blogs Sanctuary, Assoc, Bergshire. Cheshire, left estate valued at

way, 1944.

Edwin George Brown, of Hadley Wood, Burnet, Hernforeshire, left estate valued at £1,634,754 net.

Sir Alan Lewis Wigan, of Badingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Director, Charrington brewers 1939-70, left estate valued at £2,788,511 net.

He left £1.000 each to the RNU. Winciumore Hill Bowling Club, Bounds Green Bowls and Terms Club of Brownipw Road. London, Rics Benevolent Fund.

and Sister Hilary, Pastorial Assistant, were robed and in the Lantern. Among those present

Meeting

BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN HODGSON - Harry Hogh James (ANI) Capt. R.N. 1874, aged 103, pescefully at Oak Lodge Nursing Home, Chard, Somerat. Dearly loved husband of the late Rosemary, father, arandfarher and great-

BIRTHS

ALLENSY - See Hutchings. SCHOLEY - On November 9th, to Sukle (nee Warnford-Davis) and Simon, a son, Zachary (Zak) Islio Sollis.

BEITLEY - On November Sth. to Lucy (nee Ferrar) and James, a son, Henry John. COOPER - On 6th November 1996 at Halton Hospital, Oxfordshire, to Trust (nee Witts) and Scott, a son, Counce, a brother for Laura and Callum.

and California and Color of the Forsiand Hospital, to Karen and George, beautiful reins, Heather Leigh and Andrew George. Our minutes. GOTTLEB - On November 7th

GRAVES - On November 10th, to Amanda (new Mayhew) and Christopher, a son, Beneder William Mitchell, a brother for Stephania.

MINDSON - On 13th October, to Catherine (nee Headlam) and Charles, a son, john (Jack) Francis. (Jack) Francis. HUTCHINGS - On 10th

November, to Nicole (nice Allenby) and Richard, a son, John Edward, a brother for Otto Nicholm. LEWIN SMITH - On 7th November 1996 in

November 3rd 1996, to Symantia (new Bishop) and Alastair, a daughter, Charlotte Jase Valentine. Sth at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (nee Brudield) and Micholas, a daughter, loua Sarah Grace. caughter, lona Sarah Grave.
MORELAND - Claire (nee
Bowtey) and alan proudly
announce the birth of their
beautiful son Thomas Heary
Alexander on 2nd November
1996.

RAMPT - On October 27th 1996, to Samentha (nee Allery) and james, a son, Thomas frederick Peter. REVORD - On November 5th at The Portland Hospital a son

November 7th at The Fortland Hospital, to Recta and Survey Wadhwant, a boautiful son, Prem - a hrother for Mohit.

Constance, a sister for Anna.
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at The Portland Hospital, to
Yumiko (née Euramochi)
and Anthony, a beautiful
first son, justin.

at The Portland Hospital, to Flous (nee Davies) and John, a beautiful haby girl Annabel Joy Edna.

YALLOP - On November 7th at The Lindo Wing, to Rosemary (not Moore) and Mark a son, james Christopher Mark, a brother for Olivia.

relatives in the UK.

ANDERSON - OP November
10th 1996 Alison Boyse
peacefully aged 97, widow of
Sk Austin (Toby) Anderson
and much loved mother,
grandmother and greatgandmother. Funeral
Service at All Saints Church,
Lindfield, Sussez, on
wedseeday 20th November
at 11.30 am. Family flowers
outy.

ANDREWS - On 9th November 1976 peacefully Caroline Jane aged 43. Dearly loved mother of Sophie and matter or Sophie and beloved daughter of fill and the late Charles Hodgson, loving sister of Roper, Eric and Nicholas. Family funeral. Thankegiving Service 2 pm 18th November 1996 Taynton Charch, Junton.

ASHWELL - (Respinse) M.B.E. on November 7th 1996 peacefully at home Dorothy (Mary) in her 99th year. Devoted mother of Devotes moiner as solvers and Jonnie, a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. The lineral service will be held at the Church of St Peter and St November 7th at The Fortland Hospital, to Nesta and Suresh Wadthwani, a beautiful son, Frem - a brother for Mehit.

SMYTHE-On November 7th at The Pertland Hospital, to Tracey and Rupert, a son, Dylan George.

STAMESY - On our November at Hodbill, to Manana (ness Gobelishvili) and Michael, a son, loseph Colin Sergo.

STROUD - On November 9th 1996, to Caroline (ade Ramsay) and James, a daughter, Lify Elizabeth James, a sheer for Tom, Benry and Jack.

SULLIVAN - On November, property of the street of the san angel at her side, All breach Jones, a son, Patrick John, a brother for Joseph.

TERRY - On 9th November, to Lecinda (née Bickman) and Anthony, a daughter Emily Constance, a sixter for Annabella (née Bickman) and Anthony, a daughter Emily Constance, a sixter for Annabella (née Breamandian.

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SOCHES - On November Sth. 1996, Wilfred Norman peacefully at Austenwood Nursing Home, Gerrarda Cross, aged 88 years.

Cross, aged 88 years.

SOTTOMS - Bw. Waiter Wright on 7th November 1996 aged 85, former editor of the Baptist Times. Leving husband of ity, tather of lanet, John and Gordon, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private ternation Memorial Service on Saturday 16th November at Tyntale Baptist Church, Whitaladies Road, Reissel at 2.30 pm, Donations in liene of flowers to The Baptist Kinisters Pension Fund. PO Box 44, Septist House, 129 Broadway, Didcet, Oxon. OXI 887.

SEERSTOM - Emma Murie!

ABBOTT-YOUNG - Wendy of Adelaide, South Australia died very suddenly while in finity on 7th November. Remembered with the greatest affection by all her relatives in the UK.

ANDERSON - On November I Oth 1996 Ailson Boyse pacefully aged 97, widow of Sk Austin (Toby) Anderson Kantin (Toby) Anderson (Toby)

House, Dorking RH4 ZES.

\$890K\$ - Suddenly on Wednesday 6th November 1976. Ron aged 65 years of Raselwood, Derbyshire, former Managing Director of Burnews Builders, Rhoston. The dearly loved husband of Pat, a much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather. A private insent service will be held at All Saints Church, Turnditch, prior to burial in the churchyard. Further enquiries to W. Jones & Son (01335) 360319.

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(01325) 360319.

SUDO - On November Sth in St. Richards Hospital, Chichester, peacetailly after a brave fight, Edgadier Tony Sudd, inte Royal Artillary, the dearest heathand of Famela for 42 years and beleved inthe of John, Andrew, Caroline and the grandchildren Hebra Stmon and Emily. Requirem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Church of Our Lody and 52 Phills Howard, Arundel on 15th November at 11.30 am. Family Howard on 15th Royamber at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Canear Bataurch of The Royal Artillery Charlinhie Fund would be realised.

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CLOVER-SROWN - Betty, pascefully at it George's Estreat, on Sunday November 10th aged 83. Devoted wife of the late Charles, dearly level mother of Antony and Robert, grandmether and great-grandmether. Frivate formation. Service of Thanksgiving Holy Trindry Cherch, Cuchfeld, Wednetthy November 20th 12 noon. Family flowers. Demotrace of Charles at Carlot at 15. For Lease of Cult 14. The Control of Cult 15. The Control of Cult 16. The Control of Cult 16. The Cult 16. The

COUPER - Suddenly on 7th November 1996. Pamela, danky loved wife of James, danky loved wife of James, developed to and much loved and relicity; leving grandworther of Kim and hobbs. Compation Thursday 14th November 4 pm at Mortishe Crematorium. Family liowers only. Donations to The Avenue Association of Holines & Drughenn, mk (0181) 392-1012.

CORREL - On Hovember Sth. 1976 peacefully in hospital. High Patrick of Hallaren, Leicesternhire aged 71 years. Indeed, the Hallaren of Georgian, loving father of Georgian, loving father of Georgian, loving father of Georgian, loving father are Annette and a much loved grandfather. Fatheral Service at St. Hichaelt Church, Hallaton, on Friday November 15th at 1.30 pm followed by private interment, Family flowers only. Denotrons if desired for Hallaton Church Benestation Truet may be sent to J. Stamp & Sons, Familia Directors, Mirrial Halbooods, LE16 SAN, Tel. (OIBSI) 442524.

Cananasa on November Sch.
Baig. Michael Crosthwait,
late Royal Engineers, aged
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Newsham, Cambridge, at
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Newshare only. CROWLEY - Jamet Leplie of Burton Joyce, Rottinghum, daughter of Rathleen and Lealit Mitchell, visuar of Pare med Alles, mother of Catherine and Emily, grandmother of Jonathum, Funeral Sentice at Wilrest Hill Cromatorium, Nottinghum, on Pritary 15th Hovember at 2.15 pm. Fundly Hovember at 2.15 pm. Fundly

1996 peacefully at home 66 years. He will be saily moused by his wife Mary, his children, families and identify flowers only. Donations to the New Cardiac Unit, Derriford Hospital, c/o Earl ef Frymouth, 23 Wolseley Road, Bilebouse, Piymouth, FL2 3AB, Service at St Margaret Mary Church, Frynarick, 2ym on Friday November 15th. Enquiries to Earl of Frymouth (01752) 605560.

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MBE on November 10th

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ant (612228) 359460.

BCCLES - On 9th Howember 1996 pencefully at home lettles Cholmondeley aged 90, wife of the last P.G. (800) Eccles and dearly leved mether of Dann and Gillard Cremation private. Thankoulving Service at 9. Mary's Chemit, Packwall, On Housey 25th November at 11.30 am.

FREEMAN - Feacufully in Worthing Hampical on 10th Movember 1996, Mary Florence aged 83 years, wistow of Enclarick and mount of Brids and Sount Fromal Service on Friday 15th November at Worthing Crametacthein at 220 pm. Not Cleaver please but denations for Imperial Capes Remarks and bearing to the Colorest of Colorest please but denations for Imperial Capes Remarks and bearing to the Colorest please of the Colorest please of the Colorest please for the Colorest please of the Col

SAMNON - Conal on Sth November 1996, beloved hashand of Douothy, Funezal at Teorik Crambrodium 3 pa Friday 15th November, Ramily Howare only places to Thomas Green Funeral Directors, (01938) 813479.

Pulls - Diana Marian aged 36 on 9th Rovember 1996, beloved wife of Junathan Bills, former View of Hilley. The state of Santh Arasons, Mary and Frul, grandmother, Funeral at 1871ey Church, Oxford, on Ihuming 14th November at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations in Alphabert Disease Society c/o R.L. Brunley & Son, 145 Magdalan Boad, Oxford.

husband of the late Bosemary, father, father, grandfather and great-will take place at St Bartholomew's Partin Church, Grewherne, on Thursday 14th Novamber at 1.30 pm. Donations if desired for King George's Fund for Sullors of A.J. Wakely & Sons, Chappel House, Hermitage Street, Crewharne, Someraet, teli (01460) 74567. GUILLERAUD - Peter, penearally at home on 7th Hovember 1996. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Funnal 11 am Friday 15th Movember at 5t Andrew's Endhald maintenance at 6th Andrew Maintenance at 6th Andrew Maintenance at 6th Andrew Maintenance 10435 868444. No flowers but domations place for Ewanda to Mid Africa Maintenance 10435 at 160 Bevedway, Thancham EG19 3HZ. Hemorial Service celebrating Peter's Hife's work for the Lord planned for Jamary 1997 in London demils from MAM 0171 261 1370.

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RAMPSENERS - Perest Antony on 6th November.
Counspects and such loved hisband, inther, stepfather, grandfather, brother and friend. There will be a Lambsgisther, brother the life at S. Mary's Church, Hadleigh at 12.30 pm Friday 16th November. No flowers please, but domations in his memory to St. Elizabeth Hospites, lpswich do Farfaing Singleton & Hartings, Deben House, 650 Woodbridge Road, De 4PW, tak (01473) 272711.

SHIGHR - Dr. Francis Anthony, sped SS years, died pescefully at home on Fritay. Sch Newmber 1994. Adored father of John and Juliet and Caundisther to Nuclin and Lavinia. Funetal Service & St. Fauls Church, Wilton-Place, SW1 Monday 18th November at 10,30 am. Amemorial service will be beid in the new year. All, exquiries please to J.M. Kanyon, (0171) 937-0757.

November Sth at Exeter Hospica, Deson after a long Hunes bervely borne she has peace at hat. Loving wife of the line Rick, mother of Goy, also was loved by all who knew her and will be reastableted always in joy. Service of thanksgiving at St James Chaped, Otchampton, Devon on Hogday November 18th at 230 pm. No flowers but donarious if desired for Hospicare of Maddaford Huneral, Services, 9 East Street, Chahampton, Devon.

WEST - Julie, of Blackhanth and Wimbledon, much loved wife (of the later Card West), mother, grandmother and great grandmother and precededly on November 9th, aged 95. Enquisies 10 Frederick W. Paine, 6 Counbe Lane, Lundon SW20. Tal. Mars. dat. 1074

Funeral Services, 9 East
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Fuderal Service at St
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Reveus only, donations if
desired to Barnardos Homes
-/o National Westminster
Bank, 25 High Row,
Darlington.

**BRUWIN - Professor Sydney,
son of Ruby and the late
Louis of Leeds, passed
peacefully away in London
after a long illness Much
mourned by his wife,
children, grandchildren,
jamby and friends Poneral
to be held today, in Leeds.

SHARMON - David George,

SHARMON - David George, husband of Ann and father of Clare and Mark, suddealy at home on 3rd November 1996. Funeral has taken place.

place.
SHERFIELD Roger Mellor
Makina, 1st Baron, on
November 9th 1996, aged
92 Much loved father and
geneticates. Funcasi at 12
mon at St Leonard's Church,
Sherfield-on-Lodden, on
Thursday Kovenber 14th for
family and friends. No
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be announced.
Shiffit Headetts Bertha
(mis Routley) aged 92 on
2nd November after a brief
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funcation be held on 18th
November please telephone
Leilswers (0181) 693-2898.

IN MEMORIAM - . . PRIVATE

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STEGEL. Calin Easy Requel died suddenly October 25th Leaves behind daughters Patricia, Marina and son Michael, grandchildren Martin, Andrew, Lenb, Jean, Shena and Emma. She well-greatly missed by wellgreatly missed by many relatives and friends in the UK, Argentina, the USA and Europe. November 8th at Exeter

Purpe.

TOPHAM - On November 9th procedulty Mary IG. (Pip) is her 102nd year, widow of Golonal Clement. Topham. Funeral Service at Parching Church, Worthing on Inday 15th November at 1215 µm. Family Howers only.

VALLA ODDOME - On November 2nd in Venica. Notificones 2nd in Venica. Notificones Classeavic Villa Cedicone, agid 72, after a long battle spains 111 health. Despirioved by his family. Adorsed by his wife Sheingh who thanks God for the happiness of their life together. 321 Dotsoduro.

together, 321 Dorsoguro, Venice, imiy

FORRESTER - John died 12th November 1992, John Ch.14 v.18, Lovingly S. BA, On November 12th. 1988. Every day I remember. Love lyon.

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MARJORIE PROOPS

Marjorie Proops, OBE, agony aunt, died on November 10. She is thought to have been born in 1911.

s resident agony aunt on the Daily Mirror for a quarter of a century. Marje Proops presided over a revolution in the ione and content of problem pages in newspapers. When she began her ministrations on the magazine Woman's Mirror in the late-1950s, the agony aunt existed mainly to dispense moral advice — generally to young and fearful girls — of the "if he wants . . . don't . . . " variety. The mechanics of sexual life were, as yet, things not to be read about at the family breakfast table. Sin with its awful consequences, not social and personal expediency, was the prevailing ethos in which advice was sought and tendered.

By the time she published her final Daily Mirror column last week fins chaste atmosphere had changed out of allrecognition. Almost nothing was taboo. Marje herself led the cavalry charge towards the sexual explicitness which now characterises the average problem page. Although her advice was always genuinely tendered, she early recognised that the sexual behaviour and problems of "ordinary" people - the next-door neighbours, as it were - made good copy and sold papers galore. Timorous inquiries such as "Ought I, before the wedding day. if he insists ...?" were swept away in the discussion of loreplay, multiple orgasms and masturbation, the last for long an unspeakable word which Marje was proud to be the first to utter - and discuss - in the pages of a family newspaper.

Austere letter headings from "Worried of Wolverhampton" or "Nervous of Norwich" gave way to shricking headlines -"Are his demands perverted?", "Is my stepdad's love unlawful?" - which announced their wares as brazenly as any of : the more avowedly steamy parts of the

Women were the principal beneficiaries of this explicitness and Marje never allowed them to think of themselves as shrinking violets. Man, whether breadwinner or not, had no right to make a beast of himself in the bedroom, and was to be told so in no uncertain terms. By the same token there was many a stern admonishment to wife or girlfriend to spice their act up, if sunty felt it was a root cause of the problem besetting a relation-

ship.
Yet, its commercial qualities apart,
Marje never lost sight of the value of lier. column as a service. All of the 50,000 leners she received in a year were replied to. Indeed, in her working life she was reckoned to have corresponded with 3 percent of the British population.

Editors occasionally attempted to tone down explicit copy, but Proops was fortunate to have found her home on a paper of similar kidney to herself. In its early stages, her career was almost entirely the creation of Fingh Cudlipp (later Lord Cudlipp, chairman of the international Publishing Corporation). the mentor who promoted ber from columnist. Proops remained loyal to Cudlipp and to the paper, and came to be seen around the Mirror building as a symbol of continuity. Editors might come and go, and scandals, in the wake of Robert Maxwell's death, threaten to destroy lesser journalists. Proops re-

mained seemingly inviolable.

In her heyday she was the best-known woman journalist in the country. She was in demand as the star of radioshows and Labour Party conferences, It was an emancipated sort of celebrary for a woman in her early days. But it respect not merely on her notoriety, but on her intelligence and her achievements as a permalist. To her readers she was the madous working woman, to all intents and purposes happily married to "Proopsie" - her husband Sidney

Proops went into journalism at a time when there were few other women writers and, though she liked to encourage other young women on the staff - though not at her own expense — there was no doubt she enjoyed her imique position on the Daily Mirror. The entire room stood, to a man, when she entered an editorial conference. If she were leaving the Mirror office for an evening party, dressed in an evening gown, she would sweep maiestically through a crowded room of subeditors before leaving the building.

The truth about her "happy" marriage emerged dramatically in 1992. Marje: The Guilt and the Gingerbread, an authorised biography written by Angela Patmore, was the platform from which Proops had decided to free herself of a guilty secret. The fact was she could not stand dear old Proopsie. Her marriage, she told Patmore, had been a sham from its inception in a disastrous first night which had almost put her off sex for good. Her real love had been the Mirror's company lawyer, Phillip Levy, with whom she had conducted a discreet affair

for almost thirty years. The story, from one who always gave the impression of being in control of her life, was irresisable. The other tabloid papers recycled it with giee. But in fact, the revelations, coming as they did in a year of near-the-knuckle royal gossip, could hardly further stimulate the palate of a public which was well nigh glutted with such stories.

PERSONAL COLUMN

- Flights

FLIGHTS

Rebecca Marjorie Israel (the name was



later shortened to Rayle) was born over a greengrocer's shop in Woking. She remained evasive about her exact date of birth, probably because she never wanted to be forced to retire. Her father sold the shop to buy a series of pubs and her childhood was spent trekking in his wake. She lost count of the number of schools she attended. Compared unfavourably by her mother with her pretty younger sister, she was introduced to guests as "the brainy one" and advised to learn how to make her own living. She was not only clever but had a powerful contraito voice, which won her talent competitions, and she could draw. After art college, she joined a fashion studio as an illustrator. She rented a room off Fleet Street, and

began to sell her fashion illustrations to the Daily Mail and the Daily Express. She married her husband, Sidney Proops, an engineer, in 1935.

Marjorie Proops was first introduced to Hugh Cudlipp, then features editor of the Daily Mirror, in 1939. He saw a gauche young woman in an overlarge, porridgecoloured suit, who had come in to make some sketches. Looking over her shoulder, he asked her if she would represent the paper at Ascot that Monday. She was a success, and Cudlipp took her on and sent her to Paris to draw hats. He also gave her a new artist's byline, Silvaine: "I was horrified. It made me sound like a

flower shop," said Proops. There was not much call for fashion

drawings in the small wartime newspapers but Proops was kept on, on a retainer. She lived in the country with her young son, and worked as a freelance fashion illustrator. The editor on Good Taste, for which Proops drew knitting patterns, recognised that her knitting captions were unusually well-written. She asked Proops to write 1,000 words on life as a young mother in wartime Britain. A regular slot followed, and there were commissions from other editors.

After the war Proops, now a freelance writer and artist, was taken on by Hugh Cudlipp's brother Percy, the Editor of the Daily Herald, as fashion editor. She was given books and the occasional opera to review. She also got her first taste of agony sunting, when Mary Marshall, the old agony sunt, died. But after Percy Cudlipp's removal from the editor's chair she felt frustrated there and was tempted back to the Daily Mirror by Hugh Cudlipp in 1954.

She arrived on the Mirror as a columnist but was almost immediately groomed for life as a roving feature writer. She was sent abroad to interview Hollywood stars, Celebrities visiting Britain would also have lunch with her. She was already beginning to adopt an unusually intimate tone with her readers and wrote about painful personal experiences such as having to pack her son off to boarding school.

In 1959 Proops began writing a lighthearted weekly advice column for the magazine Woman's Mirror. In America in 1964 she met the widely-syndicated columnist Abigail van Buren — "Dear Abby" from whom she learnt to "spice up" her copy. Until then, agony columns in Britain, like those of "Evelyn Home" in Woman, had tended to be either moralistic or sentimental in tone. In van Buren's punchy, realistic columns she saw a way forward for herself. When she returned to Britain she talked to Hugh Cudlipp about transferring her agony column to the main paper and trying to do something similar. The move did not come about for another seven years, but the style of the column in Woman's Mirror became more racy during the 1960s. She was appointed OBE in 1969. Finally in 1971 Proops began her Dear Marje column on the Daily Mirror.

The first of its kind in a British daily newspaper, it led to similar agony columns in other tabloid newspapers and women's magazines. Other agony aunts, such as Claire Rayner, would eventually become as well-known as Proops, but none completely eclipsed her.

She gathered a team of medical and

psychiatric experts around her to help with specialist problems. One thousand letters a week began to pour into the Mirror's offices and they sharpened Proops's campaigning spirit. The column became a forum from which to talk about abortion and homosexuality (on both of which she was an early supporter of legal reform).

Proops had always been a Labour supporter and with her newly acquired reputation she stepped up her public commitments. She sat on two government committees: from 1969 to 1974, Sir Morris Finer's Committee on One Parent Families and, from 1976 to 1978, Lord Rothschild's Royal Commission on Gambling. She threw her weight behind Labour candidates with some effect, and became privy to numerous secrets. The relationship did not always work in her favour. She interviewed Harold Wilson on his 60th birthday, five days before he announced his resignation in March 1976. He misled her during that interview on the question of his retirement because he did not want to put her in the awkward position of not being able to publish the scoop. Proops regarded herself as a serious political writer, and never forgave the deception.

he was not immune to flattery.

She was particularly susceptible to the charisma of Robert Maxwell after he acquired ownership of the Mirror Group. On a whim one day in 1985 he decided to make her a director, despite the fact that she was well past the official retirement age for Mirror Group directors: "You can't do that Bob," she said, "it's illegal. You have to have a board meeting, with people putting their hands up and all that." He ignored her objections then, but later, still worried about it, she resigned. Behind her back he was less charming, and there was a Byzantine plot to fire her which she regally weathered. Proops was often rumoured to be costing the paper an enormous amount of money. In fact she was not exorbitantly paid, but the service she provided for readers, which called for teams of experts and secretaries, was

Proops continued with a punishing workload largely through the support of her loyal staff, and wrote two books on her work as an agony aunt. She was often not in good health, and was forced to contend with arthritis, hip replacements, a brief nervous breakdown and, most recently, cancer. But she maintained a pace that did not decrease even after the deaths of Phillip Levy in 1987 and of her husband in 1988. Indeed, she took on the Sunday Mirror's agony column in 1992 at the same time as her commitments to the

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Unusually for a teacher of economic history, Walter Marcel Stern had worked in

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words of encouragement but performance. That his own life burg, north of Berlin. He had also for his understanding of had been far from easy may a thoroughly German education and upbringing, culminal may 1933. Though fluent in French, he could speak next to no English

and had to take a crash course at Pitmans. The effort of having to think and speak in a completely new language and accustom himself to mannerisms strange to him was greatly eased by friends he met at the 33 Club for refugees, particularly Audrey Simmonds whom he subsequently married. His previous experience en-

abled him to find voluntary work from 1934 to 1935 at the merchant bank of Ullmann. He then became a director of H K Furniture, a bedding and upholstery business in north London. He also befriended refugees, as secretary to the director of what was to become the Czech Trust. The rest of his family later joined him in England.

He became a naturalised British subject in 1940 and in 1941 was called up into the Royal Armoured Corps. Sick even when riding in a car, let alone a tank, he found his niche as a very effective wireless instructor. He later served in the Education Corps and in intelligence and finally as a member of the British War Crimes Commission, translating documents subsequently

used at Nuremberg. In 1946, helped by a further education and training grant, he was admitted to the LSE where, impressed by the bril-liant lectures of F. J. Fisher, he elected to specialise in economic history. In 1949, after taking the best first in his year,



he was appointed immediately to the staff of the economic history department. Here he found his true metier, remaining for 30 years until his matters than his tutor.

While care of students and He had an unrivalled gift for friendship and soon became a popular and much respected member of staff. He had an endearing smile. which rose from the neck upwards to encompass his normally serious face, especially when the joke was on

Among his students was Michael Philip Jagger. Stern noted in his tutorial report at the time that this student proposed to abandon his course to form a skiffle group", adding that "I advised

retirement in 1979.

against it as there was no money there". Typically, he was later happy to confess that Mick Jagger had shown greater aptitude for economic

methodical teaching were his main concerns, he is more widely known for his successful textbook, Britain Yesterday and Today (1962), notable for its preface in which he confessed with disarming frankness that "the writer of an outline of economic history has to be a fairly brazen liar

... he cannot cover two centuries in 100,000 words without reducing an intricate landscape to a small-scale map by generalisations which verge on untruth."

In his research he chose not to write about European history, in which, thanks to his continental knowledge and command of French and German, he might have won an international reputation. Instead, he concentrated on Britain, and worked on the Corporation of London records at Guildhall. He published much about London's history.

A man of absternious habits. he did not drink, smoke or even drive, preferring to walk or ride his bicycle. He wore suits, so it was said, for long enough for them to come into fashion again. In academic matters, however, he was most methodical. He even mastered shorthand to save time - shorthand not in one language but in three.

After retirement he continued to teach at LSE part-time and was much involved in alumni maners. Both he and his wife were serious walkers. taking the entire perimeter of Rutland Water in their stride. for instance, as a day's outing. He was often to be seen pedalling between his home in Stroud Green and Aldwych at a steady, magisterial pace: but cycling was destined to change the pattern of his active life when, in 1985, a motor cyclist collided with him as he wended his stately way. He lay unconscious for some time and became a virtual invalid for the rest of his days.

He is survived by a son and a daughter and by Audrey, his wife, who cared for him after his accident with enormous devotion for the remaining 11 years of his life.

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SINN FEIN RAMPANT IN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 11

Sum Feiners here are now working overtime in their perverse efforts to coerce America into hating everything English. Last night, for the third time within a week, a body of them made a speciacular attempt to appropriate the streets of New York for Irish revolutionary purposes. They once more burned a British flag on Broadway, and then indulged in a hunt for any stray Englishmen who happened to be in the crowd. One victim, whom they seized and stood against the wall, surprised the mob by addressing them in Gaelic. This purged him of suspicion, and he was allowed to go his way in peace. The outbreaks of Sinn Pein violence in New York coincide in time with the publication by the British Embassy at Washington of the threat recently received by cable from this side by Sir Hamar Greenwood. All the Irish Sinn Feiners

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On the previous day, the British Parliament had given a third reading to the Bill for Irish Home Rule

here, and especially those who have been conspicuous for their anti-British activities, vociferously profess ignorance of the identity of the "Mr. J. V. O'Connor," who signs himself President of the Amalgamated Irish Societies of America and who in the name of those societies warms Sir H. Greenwood that three English residents in this country will be murdered for every man, woman or child who is "murdered" after November 14. Dr. Patrick McCarren the self-styled ambassador of the Sian

Fein government, characteristically declares that the threat has been concocted by the British Government for the purpose of "blackening the Irish cause." Last night's disorders began when the theatres were discharging their crowds into the streets. Two groups of men and women then descended upon the Capitol Theatre, where the British flag. together with the flags of the other Allied nations, are displayed in honour of Armistice Week. They were headed by a tall man armed with a hooked pole, who immediately came into conflict with a dozen policemen. Whether or not they succeeded in pulling down the flag is not clear. Two days ago, when a similar incident occurred, the manager of the theatre had announced his intention of sewing a British Union Jack to an American flag, so that the one could not be burned without the other In any case, the mob had a British flag in their possession, and they burned it amid wild cries of hate. Police reserves were summoned, and finally dispersed the rioters with their batons.

BRIEFINGS

Application forms are now available for the 1997 Queen Elizabeth Scholarships for men and women of all ages who want to improve skills in their craft or trade. Send an A4 SAE with a 31p stamp to the Royal Warrant Holders Association, 7 Buckingham Gate, London SWIE 6JY. Forms must be completed by January 31.

Lawyers for your Business. a solicitors' group that advises small business, has reamed up with the Enterprise Advisory Service to produce a disk listing sources of grants and loans. Some member law firms offer the disk free but others make a small charge. Details: 0171-405 9075.

A checklist has been drawn up by BT and the Federation of Small Businesses to help companies to choose the most cost-effective communications technology to suit their needs. Many small businesses have been found to be reluctant to buy because they fear the equipment will be too costly and too complicated to use. Buying with Confidence is available free on 0800 800800.

Reducing tax on profits, creating a tax-effective remuneration package and minimising tax on selling a business are dealt with in a guide for small and medium-sized com-panies by the UK 200 Group of acc-ountants. Tax Planning for the Smaller Business, edited by Jan Matthews, a barrister and tax specialist, is aimed at the layman and costs £10. Contact: 01252

☐ For micro businesses in Essex. where more than 80 per cent of firms have fewer than ten staff, free consultancy plus subsidised development courses are on offer in a £300,000 incentive by enterprise agencies. Roadshows are attracting beginners and those considering start-up, whether in or out of work. to evening or day courses. Contact: 01245 496712.

☐ The second Cornwall Exporter of the Year Award is being organised by Barclays Bank and In Pursuit of Excellence, a local initiative supported by the Prince of Wales. Firms based on the Isles of Scilly are also eligible. The competition has a category for small businesses. Entry forms from Barclays Bank branches.

☐ A software package showing small businesses how to calculate savings that can result from using electronic methods of making and receiving payments is being offered free by Bank Automated Clearing Services. Contact: 0800 191191.

Cook responds to call of lights, cameras . . . food

Robin Young

meets a caterer

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ane Dean went into business because, at 29 and with two young daughters, she needed to work from home. So she quit nursing and began cooking ready-made meals to fill other women's freezers. Now 47, she has been earning her living by cooking ever since. but has captured an unusual niche - location catering for film and television crews.

"My first attempt at running a bistro failed," she says. "I mort-gaged my life away to open, and because I had a £120,000 loan, the place never stood a chance of payng for itself. I made all the mistakes - gave away too much champagne, behaved as if VAT did not exist. If I had not sold out when I did, I would have been bankrupted by the rather wonderful bank manager who had caned me so much money."

There followed a grim time living at her parents' home, with two children, three cats and a dog all in one room, while she sought oppor tunities. "Granada Television had no one catering for their social club. so I applied," she says. "They said they were not interested, but I left my CV, recipes and costings anyway. Next morning they called: Could I start Monday?

Mrs Dean says she knew that television people would want their food quick, cheap and good, so she went for everything upmarket.



Jane Dean's business is keeping film crews fed on location from her state-of-the-art mobile kitchen

with menus changing daily, lots of salads, generous buffets and plenty of good, healthy food". She says: Soon they were asking me to cater wagons used for location catering

and thought: "I can do that,"
Her first location job was for a
team of 30. "I borrowed £3,000 from a friend, bought a burger trailer and converted it over a weekend, putting in a cooker, fridge and freezer," she says. "Never having been out on a job before, I took along ordinary crockery instead of plastic disposables. I didn't realise these people drank 15 cups of ten a

day. I was running all over the place collecting washing up."
The state-of-the-art catering trail-

er that Mrs Dean uses now cost E65,000: "It has a kitchen like a firstclass hotel," she says, "and now I can virtually pick and choose the locations I want to work on because they ask me first."

Mrs Dean's hopes of serving Granada's staff restaurant were disappointed when Granada took over a catering company, but she won the catering for Granada studios in Liverpool "as a consolation prize". She says: "I put my daughter, Samantha, and her boyfriend, now husband, in there, and started borrowing again to get another wagon so I could get more location work. As well as the flagship wagon, we have another trailer-kitchen and a back-up van."

She finds hiring chefs "almost pointless" because they resist doing things "the way TV people want". She says: "You have to be ready to serve 100 people over 212 hours, taking orders as they come in. They want it ready as soon as they order it, tasting and looking fresh even if it has been held two hours."

☐ Jane Dean is on 0!61-928 7055

How to survive the season of ill-will towards retailers

By RODNEY HOBSON

CHRISTMAS? Retailers who think it is all humbug and the season of violent customers can seek solace in two free survival

Most independent retailers feel unsafe at work, according to Whitehall Laboratories, the maker of Anadin Extra painkillers. Two out of three have been subjected to verbal or physical attacks at work.

Most attacks result from a confrontation with someone under the influence of drink or drugs or with a shoplifter. Weapons that have been used include knives, guns, machetes, CS gas, milk bottles, wine bottles and hypodermic needles.

Many retailers now maintain some form of self-protection, including personal alarms, pepper sprays, baseball bats, knives and scissors. One retailer said that he used a tape of his mother-in-law shouting to ward off potential

attackers.
Whitehall has published the
Living Safety guide written by the
Suzy Lamplugh Trust: It says:
"Aggressive behaviour towards those who work in retail is unfortunately becoming an increasingly common feature of life. The problem appears to be at its worst in inner cries but suburban and rural practices are not immune.

Late opening and constant cash sales can mark out the retail outletas a desirable target, not only for the opportunist thief but also for the person who is seeking drugs or medication. They can be distressed and unstable, sometimes quite out

The leaflet explains how the shop can be laid out to prevent incidents. with suggestions on good lighting. where to place high-value goods and siting the till away from customers. -

It encourages retailers to keep in touch with each other, and with crime prevention officers, to learn how to recognise early signs of aggression and how to defuse potential violence

Barclays Merchant Services which handles plastic card pur chases in more than 125,000 shops and businesses in the UK, has called its booklet How to Survive Christmas. It includes comments from a psychologist on coping with stress, a checklist on preparing for the Christmas rush and an expla-nation of the rights of retailers and their customers.

Tony Slater, sales and marketing director at Barclays Merchant Services, says: "Christmas may be the season of good cheer but retailers should take care that this is not at the cost of staff morale. Lung working hours, lack of breaks and understaffing can greatly affect the mood of staff and lead to mistakes being made. Lack of planning by not having enough stock or staff on the tills can aggravate customers, which can spell disaster for

☐ The Barclays leaflet is available by ringing the customer call centre on 0345 212515.

☐ For a copy of the Suzy Lamphigh Trust advice write to the Anadin Safety Campaign, 227 Chiswick High Road, London W4 2DW.

Export drive to lift county knocked by the last recession

By BRIAN COLLETT

AN INTENSIVE export campaign has been launched in Dor-

set, where the last recession took a heavy toll and where 90 per cent of businesses now employ ten people

year to discover which businesses

The county's training and enter-prise council funded research by Business Link Dorset earlier this

were exporting and which were not, and to devise policies to help exporters and would be exporters. The survey found considerable potential in Dorset, which in-

cludes the busy town of Bournemouth and a port at Poole, as well as rural industries, but decided a nian was needed. The range of Dorset goods includes farm produce, furniture and even power boats and racing car bodies.

Kelvyn Derrick, chairman of the international committee of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with which the Business Link has merged, said: The business community appreciates that the county must pull together the Tec, the Institute of Directors. Business Link, local authorities

and other bodies. The campaign is already putting into a handbook for exporting.

The export strategy will be publicised with awareness events throughout Dorset and the organisers will lobby visiting business groups to come to the county. Direct financial support will be songht to fund modern apprenticeships in international trade and to help Dorset businesses to

search is also on for a European champion", a high powered rep resentative to lobby in Brussels for businesses in Dorset, or possibly an even wider area of western England.

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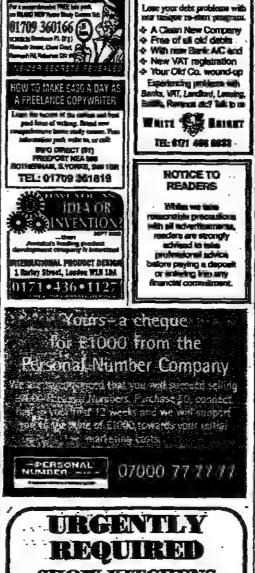
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Mortgagee is bound by statutory tenancy

Before Sir Richard Scott Vice [Judgment November 6]

If a protected contractual tenancy was, when granted, binding on a mortgagee, a statutory tenancy that came into existence on the termination of the contractual tenancy was also binding on that

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers in the Chancery Division, allowing the appeal of David Zaroovahli, appeal of David Zaroovahli, Sabrina Zaroovabli and Mrs Amoush Pourdamay from the order o Deputy Master Price of April 18, 1996 whereby he ordered possession of a registered property known as 136 Kings Drive, Edgeware, Middlesex to be delivered up to the bank,

Mr Martin Westgate for Mrs Pourdanay, Mr David Wolfson for

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that on April 29, 1988 Mr and Mrs Zaroovabli were registered as proprietors of the property. On May 25, 1988 they charged the property by way of legal mortgage to the bank as security for a loan, lnexplicably the bank did not register the charge.

By clause 4 of the charge "no

datutory or other power of grant-ng tenancies of the mortgaged property shall be capable of reised by the mortgagor without the previous consent in writing of the bonk".
On July 28, 1988 the Zaroovablis

n writing granted Mrs Pourdanay Mancy of the property for a sixebruary 1, 1989 at a rent of ESES exists

with an option to renew. Inconsent in writing of the bank to the grant of that senancy was not obtained and there was no evidence that the bank knew of the

Mrs Pourdany was not aware of the bank's security over the prop-erty. She went into occupation of the property on August 1 and had been there ever since. On August 23, 1994 the bank finally registered the charge that had been executed on May 25, 1988. Or October 23, 1995 the bank based an originat-ing stummons claiming possession of the reconstitutions. of the property. ..

Under section I of theselent Act 1977, Mrs Pourdanay's contractual tenancy granted by the written agreement of his 20 was a protected tenancy When it terminated pursuants section 2000 of the Act, it was lottered by a stanuory remains.

Mr Wolfston, accepted, given Woolwich Bailding Society v. Dictorum (1995) 3 AH ER 204, 21th. Dudley and District Bengiu Building Society v Emerson (1949) Ch 707: 718), Brivannia Building Soci-107. [18], Britannia Bullding Society v Earl. [[1990] I W.R. 422], Quennell v Maliby [[1979] I W.R. 318] and the provisions of the Land Registration Act 1925, in particular sections 18 to 20 and 491(3) that when the contractual sensory was granted to Mrs Pourdanny it was

He also accepted that her contractual tenancy and its statutory tenancy successor remained binding on the bank up to August 23, 1994 when the bank's legal charge was registered. He con-tended, however, that the effect of registration was to overres intory tenancy, and would have been to overreach the contractual tenancy if it had still been in

of Aylmerton's speech in Abbe (1991) AC 56). The case raised the question whether equivable rights which had been acquired after the date of execution of a charge but before its registration were binding on the registered charges.

The claimant was in actual occupation of the property at the time of registration of the charge and claimed priority over the charges by virtue of section 2001(g) of the 1925 Act. Lord Oliver had cold for 1920 that the release decrease in the second of the 1925 act. said (at p87) that "the relevant date for determining the existence of overriding interests which will affect the estate transferred or created is the date of registration

He wended, however, to hold fat p83) that for the purposes of section 70(1)(p) the requisite actual occupa-tion had an exist at the date of completion of the transaction that had given rise to the registrable

But at some point in the period between grant of the contractual tenancy and registration of the bank's charge the contractual tenancy; had terminated and her tue of a statutory tenancy. A statutory tenancy could not be an

or a term not exceeding 21 years". It was possible that the rights of a statutory tenant should be re-garded as capable of being pro-tected under section 70(1)(g). In National Provincial Bank Ltd v ings Car Mart Ltd (1964) Ch the Rolls, gave the right of a statutory tenant to be in possession" as an example of nonproprietary rights that could qualify for protection under section 70(1)(g).

In view of the decision in Abbey National Building Society v Cann, however, Mrs Pourdanay could not claim priority over the bank's registered charge via the section 70(1)(g) route. She was not in bon on May 25, 1988 when the transaction between Mr and Mrs Zaroovabli and the bank was completed by execution of the legal

But her inability to obtain protection for her standary len-ancy rights via section 70(1)(g) was not, in his Lordship's opinion, the end of the matter. Whether or not Lord Demning was right in holding that the rights of a tenant under a statutory tenancy were rights which could fall within section 70(1)(st), the rights were of an against the general quality of rights to which registered land under section 70(1) be

Schwartz (1978) I QB 264) Sir John Pennycuick had said (at p270) that the statutory tenant has no estate as tenant but a personal right to retain the property" and (at p272) that a statutory tenancy carried with it a "status of irremovability, that status being enjoyed upon terms analogous to those of a

The statutory status of ir-removability that adhered to a tenant under a statutory tenancy could not bind someone who claimed through title paramount: see Dudley v Emerson.

But whether a claimant did or did not have a title paramount had to be judged by comparing the title in question with the contractual tenancy from which sprang the statutory tenancy.

If, as here, the contractual was entitled to priority over the title on which the clair ant, in this case the bank, relied, it would, it seemed to his Lordship, be inconsistent with the statuto to statutory tenants under the rent Acts to hold that the translation of the contractual tenancy into a statutory tenancy had the result of depriving the tenant of that

There were obvious reasons why neither a protected contractual tenancy nor a statutory tenancy should be binding on a claimant who could show a title that was at the date of grant of the contractu tenancy paramount to the title of the landlord who granted the tenancy. Dudley and Britannia were such cases.

But if a protected commectual tenancy was, when granted, binding on a mortgagee, a statulory tenancy that came into existence on the termination of the contractua tenancy was, in his Lordship's opinion, also binding on that

The bank was therefore not entitled to an order for possession against Mrs Pourdanay. The ap peal would be allowed and the Solicitors: Mr R. C. Campbell;

ment to the worker otherwise than

in his capacity as worker" and it

submitted that the sums claimed

by way of post-cessation com-

mission fell into that category.

The court had no hesitation in

Sentence for conspiracy longer than for offence

Regina v Hewitt Regina v Downing Regina v Clarke

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice [Judgment October 31]

Where an offender was convicted of conspiring to commit criminal damage and the damage, if it had been committed, would not have eded £5,000, so that a trial on the substantive count would have en summary, the crown court was not restricted to imposing the maximum prison sentence of three months available for the suboffence but could take into account the degree of criminality involved and sentence accordingly up to the maximum allowed on

trial on indicament. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing the appeals of Daniel Matthew Ward, Adrian Francis Hewitt, Jason Mark Downing and David Alan Clarke against sentences imposed on August 30, 1996, at Norwich Crown Court (Judge Langan, QC) for conspiracy to commit crimin damage to which Hewi Downing and Clarke plead guilty and Ward was convicted.

Mr Guy Ayers, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Mr Stephen Ridley

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY, iving the judgment of the court, aid that in the early hours of April 8, 1996, the appellants donned dark clothing and equipped them-selves with balaclavas, armbands bearing swastika and SS emblems and with a tube of silicone sealant. Hewitt and Downing were stopped by police officers as they neared the Jewish cemetery in

Norwich. Clarke and Ward were some way behind and seeing what had happened to their friends, evaded attention at that time and ent home. They were arrested the following day. In interview, Hewitt, Downing and Clarke admitted that they had

planned to damage the grave-stones in the cemetery. Ward said that he had been present during such discussions but alleged that had not intended to do any Ward was convicted and Hewitt, Downing and Clarke pleaded

guilty to conspiracy to commit criminal damage. Hewitt and Downing were sentenced to 12 months, Clarke to 15 months and Ward to 18 months imprisonment. They all appealed against sen-tence, the trial judge having certi-fied the case as fit for appeal under section II(IA) of the Criminal Mr Ayers argued that if the four young men had done the damage

they meant to do, which it was accepted would not have amounted to more than £5,000, they could then have been charged with the substantive offence and would have been tried summarily. On conviction they would then have been subject to a maximum sentence of three months and in not have been punished more severely.

However, it seemed to their Lordships that the provisions of section 22 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, which applied to certain offences to be tried summerable if the value involved that marily if the value involved was small, including causing criminal damage contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971, did not apply to the present case because the offence charged was not an offence under section 1 of the 1971 Act but an offence of conspiracy to nit such an offence.

Mr Ridley argued that there

was one, where the mischief lay more in the agreement than in the doing. The agreement to deface was an act more wicked than the actual application of paint. Even if the deed had been done, in circumstances such as those it would have been open to the prosecution to charge the more serious offence of conspiracy.
It seemed to their Lordships that

Accordingly it was open to the judge to deal with the offenders as he did. He was right to have regard to the provisions to which reference had been made but he was in no way fettered by the threemonth imprisonment limit simply because a trial of the substantive offence would have been dealt with summarily. There was nothing inappropriate in the sentences of any of the appellants and accordingly the appeals would be dis-

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Well founded fear of persecution

peal Tribunal and Another, Ex parte Shah

Before Mr Justice Sedley

Reasons October 257

A woman who had a credible concern that she would be pun-ished by stoning to death for adultery under an interpretation of Islamic law if returned to her home country, having nowhere else to go but the home of her husband, was capable of being a member of a social group where there was a well founded fear of persecution so that she was potentially a refugee who should be offered asyli

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of Syeda Khatoon Shah for judicial review of the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to refuse he leave to appeal from a special adjudicator's dismissal of her ap-peal against the refusal of the Home Secretary to grant her

Article I(A) of the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmmd 3906) provides: "For the purposes of the present conven-tion, the term "refugee" shall apply to any person who ... owing to well-founded fear of being persecured for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the coun-try of his nationality and is unable, or owing to such fear, is unwilling

Regina v Immigration Ap- to avail himself of the protection of that country."

Miss Frances Webber for the applicant; Mr Mark Shaw for the

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the material findings of the special adjudicator were that the applicant, a citizen of Pakistan, was a battered wife. She had been brought up partly in the United Kingdom but had returned to Pakistan at 17 in order to marry. Her husband, after years of violence had finally driven her out of her home. On arrival in the United Kingdom she found that

was pregnant. If she returned

to Pakistan she would have no-where but her husband's home to She had given birth and now credibly feared that if she had to return, she would be accused by him of conceiving the child adulterously, exposing her to the opera-tion of the Sharia law which

prescribed stoning to death as the punishment for adultery. Although Miss Webber had not had an easy task in the tight of current jurisprudence on the Convention, the facts found in her client's favour by the special adjudicator were capable in law of inging her within I(A)(2) of the

That did not mean that on the factual findings she was bound to succeed. A great deal depended on

Solicitors: Malik Gould Associates, Aldgate; Treasury Solicitor.

Unpaid commissions constitute wages under Act point by reference to the 1986 Act: wages contrary to the 1986 Act. section 7(1) and (2)(e) served to exclude from its ambit "any paywas advanced by reference to

Blackstone Franks Investnent Management. Ltd y Tobertson lefore Mr Justice Holland, Mrs

A. E. Sunderland and Ms. B. ladgment October 10|* lommissions which an employee vas contractually entitled to re-erve following termination of his ontract, and which were readily

dentifiable as and when due, were

wages" within section 7(1) of the Vages Act 1986 which, if not paid, ould form the basis of a claim for roungful deduction of wages.

The Employment Appeal Triunal so held in a reserved
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procal by Blackstone Franks Management Lid equinst the decision of a Liverpool redustrial tribunal on March 14. 996 that it should pay Mr James Rirchie Robertson £14,126.50,

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Section 8 of the 1986 Act provides: "[3] Where the total amount of any wages that are paid on any econion by an employer to any sorber employed by him is less has the total imbour of the wages that are properly payable by him to the worker on that occasion . . . the amount of the deficiency shall be treated . . . as a deduction made

by the employer from the worker's wages on that occasion." Mr Robin Howard for the company, Mr Robertson in

MR JUSTICE HOLLAND said that Mr Robertson was a financial consultant who entered into a contract to provide the company with services, essentially obtaining clients who would invest moneys

through the company in appro-priate financial products.

commission on business completed by him, at rates as set out from time to time in the company's procedures manual. Any business roduced but not completed at the date of termination would be completed on his behalf with due

Following termination of his contract in October 1994, Mr Robertson contended that a substantial amount of business had been introduced before termination and that he was entitled to completion thereof on his behalf g to commissions. He made his claim to the commissions by tions of the 1986 Act.

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Delany v Staples ([1992] 1 AC 687) where the House of Lords had held that "a payment in lieu" in the context of a dismissal could not be

The point sexed upon by the

company was that which emerged in the speech of Lord Browne-Wilkinson, namely that as at the date of dismissal that which was properly due by way of "payment in lieu", that was by way of damages for wrongful dismissal, could not be specifically as-The company said that the

quantum of any commissions claimed was similarly speculative at the date of termination of the contract and the tribunal should have categorised the sums claimed as being outwith the Act.

rejecting that argument. So far from being similar to "payment in lieu", that was to damages for wrongful dismissal, the commissions claimed were the subject of a contractual entitlement, readily to be identified as and when due and plainly to be paid to Mr Robertson in his capacity as worker.

The point was finally resolved by section 8(3). The total amount of a payment in lieu that was properly able could not be identified as payable could not be local amount of and when paid; the total amount of commission as and when that was The company developed that properly payable could be identi-fied by reference to the contract. itors: Clyde & Co.

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VAT is payable on discount price

Elida Gibbs Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and

N. Kakouris and G. Hirsch Advocate General N. Fennelly

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the promised cash refund.

Elida Gibbs sought the repayment of VAT already paid, was whether, in relation to each type of coupon, the manufacturer's taxable amount was the manufacturer's price or that price less the amount stated in the coupon. Article II(A)(I) of the Sixth Direc-

tive provides: The taxable amount shall be: (a) in respect of supplies of vhich constitutes the consid eration which has been or is to be obtained by the supplier from the purchaser, the customer or a third party for such supplies includin

supply takes place, the taxable amount shall be reduced

General considerations Before replying to the prelimi-nary questions, it was appropriate cribe briefly the basic prin

actually paid by the final con-sumer which was the basis for ting the VAT ultimately borne by him.

the principles on which the VAT system was based was neutrality. in the sense that within each country similar goods should bear the same tax burden whatever the length of the production and distribution chain.

That basic principle clarified the role and obligations of taxable persons within the machinery stablished for the collection of

ment imposed on them, when they took part in the production and distribution process prior to the stage of final taxation, regardless of the number of transinvolved, was that, at each stage of the process, they collected the tax on behalf of the tax authorities and

In order to guarantee complete neutrality of the machinery as far the Sixth Directive provided, in Title XI. for a system of deductions designed to ensure that the totable person was not improperly

feature of the VAT system was that VAT was chargeable on each transaction only after deduction of the amount of VAT borne directly by the cost of the various price components of the goods and

The procedure for deduction was so arranged that only taxable persons were authorised to deduct from the VAT for which they were liable the VAT which the goods and services had already borne. It followed that, having regard in each case to the machinery of the

VAT system, its operation and the authorities could not in any exceeding the tax paid by the final consumer.

Preliminary questions

By virtue of article U(A)(I)(a) of the Sixth Directive, the taxable amount for supplies of goods and services within the territory of a state comprised all sums which made up the consideration which had been or was to be obtained by the supplier from the purchaser.

According to the court's settled case law, that consideration was the "subjective" value, that is, the value actually received in each specific case, and not a value estimated according to objective

In circumstances such as those in the present case, the manufac-turer, who had refunded the value of the money-off coupon to the retailer or the value of the cashback coupon to the final consumer. received, on completion of the transaction, a sum corresponding to the sale price paid by the wholesalers or retailers for his goods, less the value of those coupons.

It would not, therefore, be in conformity with the directive for the taxable amount used to calculate the VAT chargeable to the manufacturer, as a taxable person. exceed the sum finally received

Were that the case, the principle of neutrality of VAT vis-ti-vis taxable persons, of whom the manufacturer was one, would not be complied with.

Consequently, the taxable amount attributable to the manuacturer as a taxable person must be the amount corresponding to goods to the wholesalers or retailers, less the value of those coupons. That interpretation was borne t by article II(C)(I) of the Shah Directive, which was designed to

person's position. It was true that that provision referred to the normal case of contractual relations entered into directly between two contracting parties, which were modified sub-

The fact remained, however. that the provision was an ex-pression of the principle, already emphasised, that the position of taxable persons must be neutral.

It followed, therefore, from that provision that, in order to ensure observance of the principle of neutrality, account should be taken, when calculating the taxable amount for VAT, of situations where a taxable person who, having no contractual relationship with the final consumer but being transactions which ended with the final consumer, granted the consumer a reduction through retail-

Otherwise, the tax authorities would receive by way of VAT a sum greater than that actually paid by the final consumer, at the expense of the taxable person.

On those and further grounds ! Article II(A)(I)(a) and II(C)(I) of the Sixth Directive were to be interpreted as meaning that

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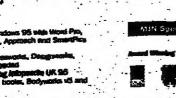
(c) a customer purchased such an item from a retailer, presented coupon to the man ufacture and was paid the stated amoun the taxable amount was equal to the selling price charged by the manulacturer, less the amount indicated on the coupon and

directly to a retailer.



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purchase goods at less than their normal sale price by virtue of "money-off" and "cash-back" coupons issued by a manufacturer, the manufacturer's taxable amount for value-added tax purposes was the sale price less the amount stated on

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the VAT and Duties Tribunal, London for a preliminary ruling on ques-tions on the interpretation of article 11 of the Sixth Council Directive 71/338/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes: common system

of value added tax, uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 pl). To promote retail sales of its products, Elida Gibbs, a manufacturer of toiletries, operated two coupon schemes, "money-off", of which there were two categories,

namely "basic" and "retailer-specific", and "cash-back". Under the basic money-off scheme, Elida Gibbs promoted a ar product for a limit period. It arranged for money-off coupons to be distributed to the public, either directly or as cut-out coupons in magazines, newspapers, and similar publications. Each coupon had a face value and carried instructions to consumers indicating that it could be presented for partial payment for one or more specific Elida Gibbs

products, and instructions to retailers as to how and within what period it should be returned to Elida Gibbs for redemption. Under the retailer-specific moneyoff scheme, Elida Gibbs entered into an arrangement with a retailer to organise a promotion scheme for a particular product or line of products, lasting for a limited period. The retailer printed the coupons under contract to Elida Gibbs and

distributed them to the public again, each coupon had a face value and mentioned the product or products for which it could be presented as part payment of the Whether the buyer was a whole-saler or a retailer. Elida Gibbs charged the supply at a specific. VAT inclusive, price which it invoiced to the buyer under both

variants of the money-off coupon

Under the cash-back coupon scheme, the coupon was printed on

the packaging of an Elida Gibbs product, and carried Elida Gibbs's

offer, subject to certain conditions, to refund the consumer part of the

A consumer who purchased the product was entitled to send the voucher direct to Elida Gibbs or to

its agents, who would then make The issue in the case, in which

subsidies directly linked to the price of such supplies..."

Article II(C)(I) provides: "In the case of cancellation, refusal or total or partial non-payment, or where the price is reduced after the

In its judgment the Sixth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held:

ciple of the VAT system and how it The basic principle was that the VAT system was intended to tax only the final consumer. Consequently, the taxable amount serving as a basis for the VAT to be ted by the tax authorities could not exceed the consideration

The court had held that one of

It was not, in fact, the taxable persons who themselves bore the burden of VAT. The sole require-

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the Court ruled:

money-off coupon, which was redeemable at the amount stated on the coupon by or at the expen of the manufacturer in favour of the retailer. (b) the coupon, which was

campaign, could be accepted by the retailer in payment for a specified item of goods. (c) the manufacturer had sold the specified item at the "original supplier's price" direct to the retailer, and

item, presented it to the manufac turer, and was paid the stated amount, the taxable amount was ual to the selling price charged by the manufacturer, less the amount indicated on the voucher and refunded The same applied if the original supply was made by the manufac-

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Taunton residents stay ahead of the game



INTERNATIONAL week once again, and so a quiet week on the Interactive Team Football front. This means was a paltry eight points, not that that will matter to Mr N. Hinch, of Taunton, whose Hinch Mount C Team had the two critical selections of Gary McAllister, of Coventry City, and Graham Stuart. of Everton, the goalscorers in the FA Carling Premiership match between the two teams.

in the overall race for £50,000, Mr John Hunt, also of Taumon, remains in front. Mr Hunt has a nine-point lead over his nearest rivals, and three of his own teams are still chasing hard as well - in second equal, sixth and eighth Mr Hinch's team is:

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Central defenders A Linighan (Arsenal) D Matteo (Liverpool)

Midfield players A Kanchelskis (Everton) G McAllister (Coventry) J Moneur (West Ham) A Townsend (Aston Villa)

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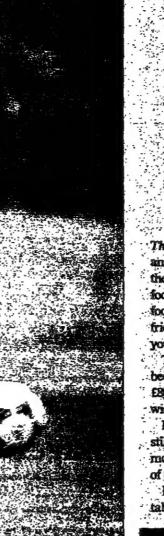
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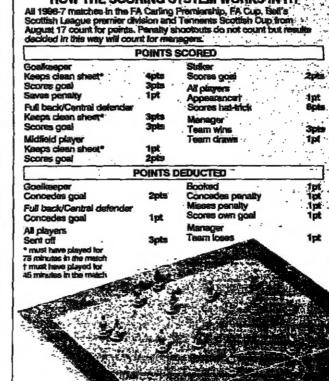
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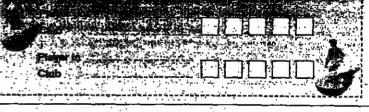
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OPINION

Minister blames his inexperience

David Willetts, the Paymaster General and a former government whip, last night blamed his inexperience for leading him into a position in which he had been accused of trying to smother an investigation into the Neil Hamilton cashfor-questions affair.

In a tense appearance before a televised hearing of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee he denied that he had tried to influence the inquiry

Duchess ready to move to US

The Duchess of York said in an American television interview that she had been "a headless chicken for 10 years" and that she "hung my own self with my rope" during her marriage to Prince Andrew. She added that she was ready to

Major veto

John Major issued his strongest warning yet that he would block future developments in Europe until other countries agreed to his demands to exempt Britain from Page I a 48-hour week ...

Silence in court

A jury insisted on observing Armistice Day by holding two minutes' silence in court after a judge questioned whether it was right to interrupt a harrister summing up in a rape trial Pages 1. 8. 9

Iron Chancellor

The Chancellor proclaimed himself "as keen as the Germans" on tough fiscal discipline and ridiculed claims that Britain was about to yield budget sovereignty to the EU Pages 2. 27. 28. 30

Fatal stabbing

Rachael Lean, 18, was stabbed to death in a country lane by a woman friend who had a sexual interest in women. Norwich Crown Court was toldPage 3

Doctor sued

A sales executive who lost a new. highly paid job began a claim for damages against the company doctor who concluded that he had a drink problemPage 5

Women at risk

Pregnant women are in increased danger of being beaten by their husbands and boyfriends, according to research dividing midwives and obstetricians Page 7

War history

Families of those who served in the Great War are able to discover more about them now service records of ordinary soldiers in the conflict have been made available to the publicPage 8

Judging the judges

The Lord Chancellor is to press for tighter controls over the European Court of Human Rights because of growing concern over the quality of judges from some European countries...... Page II

Bulgaria braced

The new rich of Bulgaria lead a glamorous life of fashionable restaurants and weekends in Vienna. The other half is dreading the worst winter of bitter cold and hunger since 1920..... Page 12

German cuts

Helmut Kohl's governing coalition agreed DM3 billion (£1.2 biltion) of extra public spending cuts aimed at keeping Bonn on course for EMU.___ _... Page 13 Zaire ultimatum

Zaire's rebel leader said he would end his unilateral ceasefire with Rwandan Hutu militia if they continued to shell Goma with ... Pages 14. 19 mortars....

40,000 flee fighting

More than 40,000 people fled from renewed fighting between Taleban militiamen and the anti-Taleban alliance in northwest Afghanistan Page 15

Lady C bares all for Japan

The Japanese will soon be able to read an uncensored translation of Lady Chatterley's Lover. In 1950, the Japanese Supreme Court ordered about 80 pages of a complete translation of D. H. Lawrence's book to be deleted. The Japanese publishing house Shinchosa said the unexpurgated edition would be available at the end of the month..... Page 13



Traders on the Liffe futures exchange in the City of London observing the two minutes' silence at Ilam yesterday. Pages 1, 8, 9

BUSINESS

Big order: British Aerospace has won a El billion contract to supply the Australian air force with Hawk training aircraft.....

Departure: First Choice Holidays will pay £640,000 in compensation to Francis Baron, the chief executive who lost his job in a boardroom coup..... Economy: A surge in the cost of oil

helped to push prices charged at the factory gate higher in October. But economists see little immediate threat of inflation feeding through

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 3.6 points to close at 3914.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 90.8 to 90.5 after a rise from \$1.6455 to \$1.6459 but a fall from DM2.4781 to DM2.4670 ... Page 30 | by Football Union ...

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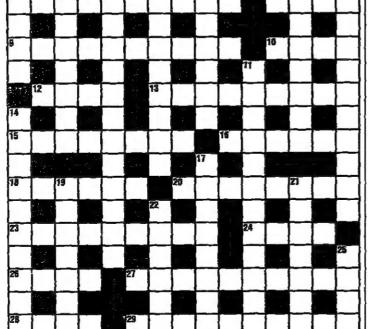
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- 1 Four voices in combination that's noisy (10).
- 6 Drive down after parking one's
- first form of transport (4). 9 Cold food consumed like a baby
- 4101.
- 10 9 claims the juggage (4). 12 Went over the hili (4).
- Overnime pay for a barman (9). 15 Side-to-side movement by a foot-

baller (8).

- 16 Sayings of modern times (6). 18 Good tip family got on consumer
- protection (b).
- 20 Exist with next to nothing, being humble (8). 23 Course leading clubs, perhaps,

put on for training [9]. Solution to Puzzle No 20.322



- 24 Country artist with an outstanding measure of intelligence (4). 26 Some power needed - what say
- 27 Cook sent in more soup (10). 28 The average Pole or Frenchman?
- 29 Tender name, possibly (10).

you? (4).

- I Failing to do duty as deputy (4).
- 2 Beils taking an artist's fancy (7). 3 Bows and scrapes to obtain indica-
- tions of approval (12). 4 Kept quiet (S). 5 Mounted appropriate support for
- the front (6). 7 Producer of rasher driving? H.3i. 8 Suspected water vapour caused corresion (10).
- 11 Bred in sin. set out this indication of it? (4.8).
- 14 Those who do presumably won't take defeat lying down (5.2.3).
- 17 He appreciates the exquisite tea these blended (&i.
- 19 Render first aid (7). 21 Plant with dry leaves removed
- from bed (3-4). 22 Footsore group of workers led by a
- blockhead (b). 25 Beat the unbeatable? (4).

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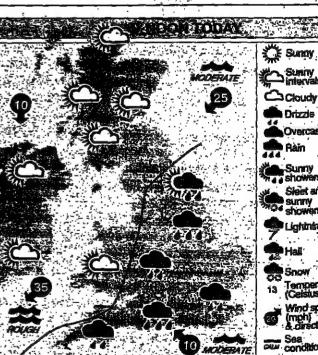
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